

Scottish Child Payment

Looking after a child with epilepsy, especially if there are other health conditions, can sometimes put a strain on a family's finances. We want to make sure that information about financial support is widely available to make life a bit more manageable for the many families on low income.

What is Scottish Child Payment?

Scottish Child Payment is one of several new Scottish benefits, which is managed by [Social Security Scotland](#). It is only available in Scotland and aims to address childhood poverty.

It does not replace any other UK benefit. You can claim this in addition to the UK wide child benefit. It will not be counted as income for other benefits or tax credits.

Who can apply?

This benefit is aimed at families on low incomes. The payment is £26.70 for every child under the age of sixteen per week.

The money will be paid every four weeks into a nominated bank account. There is no child limit, you can claim this payment for every child under the age of sixteen, provided you meet the criteria, please see below.

To qualify for this payment, you must be the parent or full-time carer of the child/children and must receive one of the following:

- universal credit
- income support
- income-based jobseeker's allowance
- income related employment and support allowance
- child tax credit
- working tax credit
- pension credit

You have to be able to show you are responsible for the child/children you are claiming for. This usually means showing the child/children being named on a benefits claim.

You also need to be 'ordinarily' resident in Scotland. This means you should be living in Scotland for the time being for a settled purpose.

How do I apply?

You can apply in three ways:

- online at www.mygov.scot/benefits
- by telephone calling 0800 182 2222
- by post: you can download a paper application form from the Scottish Government's website [here](#) or request one by calling 0800 182 2222.

What happens if I get turned down?

You can ask for a redetermination, and if this is unsuccessful you can go to appeal. You may wish to seek advice from a professional benefits advisor who can help you with any challenges to a determination.

Change of circumstances

You must let Social Security Scotland know if your circumstances change, which might make you ineligible for this benefit. This could be if:

- you move away from Scotland
- you stop looking after a child you claim the benefit for
- you stop getting a qualifying benefit
- your partner has stopped living with you, or you have a new partner living with you

Need more information?

If you need more information on this benefit, visit the [Scottish Child Payment's page on the Scottish Government's website](#) or phone Social Security Scotland for free on 0800 182 2222.

For other Scottish child related benefits, which can help support your family's income, please check out the [Best Start Grants](#) page on the Scottish Government website.

Our Welfare Rights Service at Epilepsy Scotland can also provide further help and information. To contact them, please phone 0141 427 4911.

If you want to talk more generally about benefits and epilepsy, you are welcome to contact our freephone helpline on 0808 800 2200.

Our resources are always free. If you would like to support our work, please text FACTS to 70085 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message.



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