**Social Security Scotland 5 family payments**

**Scottish Child Payment**

A payment of £40 every four weeks for each eligible child under the age of six.

**Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment**

A £606 payment for a first child and £303 for other children. Plus an extra £303 if you

have a multiple birth. You can apply from 24 weeks of pregnancy until your baby is

6 months old.

**Best Start Grant Early Learning Payment**

A £252.50 payment when a child is between the ages of 2 and 3.5 years. You can still apply if your child is not taking up a place at nursery.

**Best Start Grant School Age Payment**

A £252.50 payment to help eligible families with the costs of starting school.

Visit mygov.scot/beststart for application dates and guidance on when to apply even if you are deferring.

**Best Start Foods**

Money every four weeks on a pre-paid chip and pin Mastercard. The amount is £17.00

every four weeks during pregnancy and for any children between one and three years old.

This payment increases to £34.00 for any child under one.

The card can be used to buy healthy food including eggs, milk, fruit, vegetables and

pulses.

Who can get these payments?

People can apply for these payments whether in work or not. People may be eligible if they, or their partner, are the parent or full-time carer of a child and if they get tax credits or certain benefits.

How do people apply?

We take applications via our freephone helpline on 0800 182 2222, by post or online at

[mygov.scot/benefits](http://www.mygov.scot/benefits)

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