

What is the Scottish Child Payment

The Scottish Child Payment is for parents or carers on low incomes who have a child under 16. It's a payment of £25 a week for each child under 16. It's paid every 4 weeks by Social Security Scotland.

Who can get the payment?

You can get Scottish Child Payment if all of the following apply:

- you or your partner is responsible for a baby or child under 16
- you get certain benefits
- nobody else gets Scottish Child Payment for the child
- you live in Scotland.

You can get a payment for each child under 16.

Who is responsible for a child?

You or your partner must be responsible for a baby or child under 16 on the day that you apply. You can show you're responsible for the baby or child if you or your partner:

- gets Child Benefit for them, or
- is responsible for them for Child Tax Credit, the child element of Universal Credit or the child addition of Pension Credit, or
- is their kinship carer.

If you're a kinship carer, you'll need to show a legal order or a letter from the local council. You might have a legal order like a kinship care order, compulsory supervision order, residence order, permanence order or guardianship order.

Which benefits do you need to be getting?

You must get one of these benefits:

- Child Tax Credit
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Pension Credit
- Universal Credit – if your UC is reduced to £0 by a sanction or a deduction, you can still get Scottish Child Payment
- Working Tax Credit.

If you're on a low income but you're not yet getting one of these benefits, check which benefits you can get.

If you've applied for one of these benefits but not yet had a decision, you can still apply for the Scottish Child Payment.