

How do I apply?

Visit mygov.scot/benefits to apply online, or call our freephone helpline on **0800 182 2222** to complete an application over the phone or to request a paper application form.



How to contact us

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-  British Sign Language users:
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-  Online at mygov.scot
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This information can be provided in alternative languages or formats by calling 0800 182 2222.



A guide to Social Security Scotland's benefits



Dignity,
fairness,
respect.

Social Security Scotland was set up by the Scottish Government to deliver a number of devolved benefits. These benefits will be introduced in stages. Once all of these benefits have been introduced, we will be delivering benefits for families on low incomes, people who need help paying for a funeral, disabled people, carers, young people entering the workplace and to help people heat their homes.

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and local authorities will also continue to deliver some benefits.

We currently deliver ten benefits for people that live in Scotland.

Carer's Allowance Supplement

An extra payment of £231.40 to people who get full or partial Carer's Allowance from the Department for Work and Pensions on certain qualifying dates. This is paid automatically to eligible carers every six months.

Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment

A payment for people on tax credits or certain benefits to help with expenses in pregnancy or having a new child. It pays £606 for a first child, and £303 for other children. There is an extra £303 for a multiple birth.

Best Start Grant Early Learning Payment

A £252.50 payment for people on tax credits or certain benefits made when a child is between the ages of two and three years and six months.

Best Start Grant School Age Payment

A £252.50 payment for people on tax credits or certain benefits made around the time a child normally starts Primary 1.

Best Start Foods

Money every four weeks on a pre-paid card to help families on tax credits or certain benefits to buy healthy foods.

Funeral Support Payment

Money for people on tax credits or certain benefits who are responsible for paying for a funeral. It is a one-off payment to cover some of the costs.

Young Carer Grant

A yearly payment of £308.15 for young carers aged 16, 17 and 18 who care for someone who is getting a disability benefit.

Job Start Payment

£252.50 to help people aged 16-24 who are returning to work after a period of six months unemployment. People with children will get £404.

Scottish Child Payment

A payment providing £40 every four weeks for families who get tax credits or certain benefits and have a child under six.

Child Winter Heating Assistance

A yearly payment of £202 for families of children getting the highest rate care component of Disability Living Allowance for children. This money is to help them heat their home.

For the latest information on benefits we will deliver in the future visit gov.scot/policies/social-security