

Job Start Payment





Job Start Payment is a one-off payment of £314.45. It is for young people in Scotland who need help with starting a new job. If the person has a child, they could get £503.10.

To get it you must:

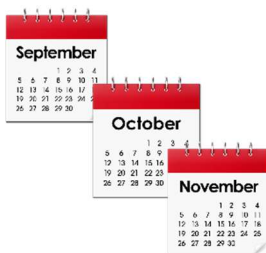
- Be 16 to 24 years old, or are a care leaver aged 16 to 25.
- Live in Scotland on the day of the job offer.
- Have a job offer for paid employment.
- The job must be for 12 hours or more per week, over a 4-week period. The job does not need to be permanent.
- Be out of paid work and getting a qualifying benefit for 6 months or more.



- A care leaver out of paid work, getting a qualifying benefit at the time of the job offer (care leavers do not need to be getting a qualifying benefit for 6 months).

The qualifying benefits are:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA).
- Income Support.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).
- Universal Credit (UC).



You can apply for Job Start Payment up to 3 months from when you get your job offer.

You will need to be able to give us proof of the job offer. This proof can be:



- A text message.
- A letter.
- An email from the employer.

We will accept photocopies or screenshots of these. They can be uploaded online or posted to us.

If you are a care leaver, we will ask for proof if:



- You are 25 years old when you were offered the job.
- You have been getting a qualifying benefit for fewer than 6 months.
- You have been out of paid work for fewer than 6 months.

A care leaver is someone who was in care but stopped being looked after on or after turning 16. This care could have been:



- Foster care.
- Residential care.
- Secure care.
- Formal kinship care placement.



We will pay the money into a bank account that you choose. You do not need to pay the money back.

You can use the money for anything to help you when you start work. This could be:



- Clothes.
- Travel.
- Lunches.



Job Start Payment or a new job could affect other benefits. You should get independent advice about this.



If you get a Job Start Payment, you cannot get another one for 2 years.



You can find out more and apply online at **mygov.scot/jobpayment**. You can apply in person, over the phone or ask for a paper application form by calling Social Security Scotland free on **0800 182 2222**.



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