



Fill in this form if you or your partner are responsible for a child, even if you decide not to get Child Benefit payments

## Who should fill in this form

- either you or your partner should fill in this form, if you're responsible for a child under 16 (or under 20 and they're in full-time non-advanced education or approved training)
- if you're a couple and one of you is not working or paying National Insurance contributions, they should fill it in to protect their State Pension - they'll automatically get National Insurance credits until their child turns 12, which will protect their State Pension

If you're a UK or Irish national, living in the UK and already claim Child Benefit, you can phone us on 0300 200 3100 to tell us about a new child if

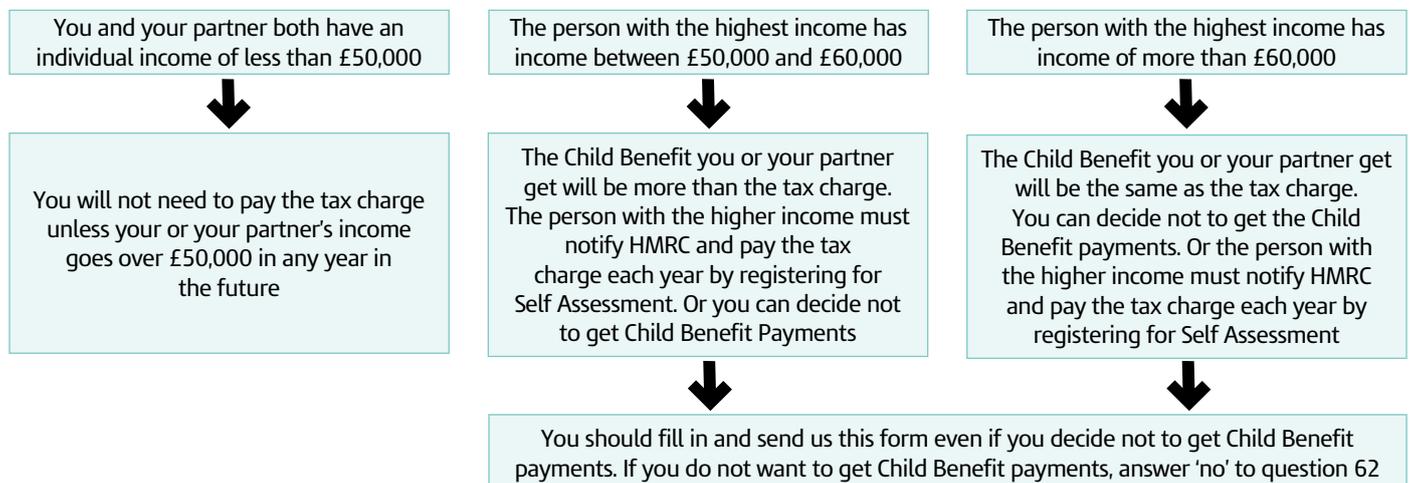
- they're under 6 months old and live with you
- they were born in the UK
- their birth was registered in England, Scotland or Wales

## Is your or your partner's income more than £50,000?

If either you or your partner has an individual income of more than £50,000 in any year, the person with the higher income may have to pay a tax charge on some or all of the Child Benefit you get. It's called the High Income Child Benefit Charge. You can find out more, including how much you may have to pay at [www.gov.uk/child-benefit-tax-charge](http://www.gov.uk/child-benefit-tax-charge)

**You may decide not to get Child Benefit payments, in which case the tax charge will not apply. It's still important that you fill in this form** to protect your State Pension (you'll get National Insurance credits until your child turns 12) and help your child get their National Insurance number automatically at 16.

## How the tax charge works



## How to fill in this form

- answer all the questions that apply to you, writing clearly in capital letters
- send us all of the documents that we ask for, to avoid delays to your claim - **as we can only backdate 3 months, if you will not have your documents in that time, then put in your claim without them and send the documents as soon as you can afterwards**

For more information on Child Benefit, go to [www.gov.uk/child-benefit](http://www.gov.uk/child-benefit) or read the CH2 Notes, 'Child Benefit: Getting your claim right'.

If you cannot find the information online you can phone the Child Benefit helpline on 0300 200 3100 or use Relay UK (if you cannot hear or speak on the phone) dial 18001 then 0300 200 3100.

**Do not delay making your claim because Child Benefit can only be backdated 3 months**

# 1 About you

## 1 Do you have a National Insurance number?

Read page 3 of the CH2 Notes.

No

Yes  If Yes, tell us your National Insurance number

## 2 Your title

For example Mrs, Miss, Ms, Mr or Dr

## 3 Your last name or family name

## 4 Your first name and any middle name(s)

## 5 Have you ever been known by any other last name(s) or family name(s) including your maiden name?

No

Yes  If Yes, tell us the other name(s)

## 6 Your date of birth

## 7 Your address

Postcode

## 8 Have you lived at this address for more than 12 months?

No  If No, go to question 9

Yes  If Yes, go to question 10

## 9 Tell us your last address

Postcode

## 10 Your mobile number or landline if you do not have a mobile

We may contact you about your claim. Our number may not show up if we call you.

## What time of day is best for us to phone you?

For example, morning, afternoon or evening (we're only able to call up to 8pm).

## 11 What is your nationality?

This is shown on your passport if you have one, for example, British, Irish, French, Polish.

## 12 Have you claimed Child Benefit for any child(ren) before?

No  If No, go to question 14

Yes  If Yes, go to question 13

## 13 Are you currently entitled to or receiving Child Benefit?

No  If No, go to question 14

Yes  If Yes, tell us the full name and date of birth of the eldest child you're entitled to or currently receiving Child Benefit for, then go to question 14

## Child's last name

## Child's first name

## Child's middle name(s)

## Child's date of birth

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## 1 About you continued

- 14 Have you always lived in the UK?**  
By this we mean you've never lived outside the UK.  
Read page 3 of the CH2 Notes.

No  I've lived outside the UK,  
go to question 15

Yes  I've always lived in the UK,  
go to question 22

- 15 Do you usually live in the UK?**  
Read page 3 of the CH2 Notes.

No  If No, go to question 16

Yes  If Yes, go to question 17

- 16 Which country do you usually live in?**

Country

- 17 Tell us the date you arrived in the UK**

- 18 Are you subject to immigration control now, or have you been at any time in the last 6 months?**  
Read page 3 of the CH2 Notes.

No  If No, go to question 20

Yes  If Yes, go to question 19

- 19 If you've been subject to immigration control in the last 3 months, tell us the date your immigration status was granted**

- 20 What is your employment status?**  
Tick the box or boxes that apply.  
You only need to answer this question if you've ever lived outside of the UK.

Looking for work in the UK

Employed in the UK

Self-employed in the UK

None of these - I've enough money to support my family in the UK

## About you continued

- 21 Are you now, or have you at any time in the last 3 months, worked in another country or received benefit from another country?**

No  If No, go to question 22

Yes  If Yes, tell us the name of the country

Country

- 22 Are you a member of HM Forces or a civil servant working abroad?**

No  Yes

- 23 What is your marital or civil partnership status?**  
Tick one box that applies. We consider you single for Child Benefit purposes unless you live with a partner.

Married or in a civil partnership, go to question 24

Living with a partner as if you're married or a civil partner since

go to question 24

Widowed, go to question 34

Separated since

go to question 34

Divorced, go to question 34

Single, go to question 34

## 2 About your partner

- 24 Your partner's full name**

- 25 Your partner's date of birth**

- 26 Your partner's National Insurance number**  
Read page 3 of the CH2 Notes.

- 27 Your partner's nationality**

This is shown on their passport if they have one, for example British, Irish, French, Polish.

Nationality

## 2 About your partner continued

**28 What is your partner's employment status?**  
Tick the box or boxes that apply.

Looking for work in the UK

Employed in the UK

Self-employed in the UK

None of these - they have enough money to support their family in the UK

**29 Is your partner a member of HM Forces or a civil servant working abroad?**

No  Yes

**30 Does your partner now, or have they at any time in the last 3 months, worked in another country or received benefit from another country?**

No  If No, go to question 31

Yes  If Yes, tell us the country

## About your partner continued

**31 Is your partner entitled to Child Benefit now or are they waiting to hear if they can get Child Benefit?**

No  If No, go to question 34

Yes  If Yes, go to question 32

**32 What is the full name of the eldest child your partner is entitled to Child Benefit for?**

**Child's last name**

**Child's first name**

**Child's middle name(s)**

**33 Child's date of birth**

## 3 Children you want to claim for

You do not need to tell us about children you already get Child Benefit for.

### **i** Important information

If this Child Benefit claim is for a newborn child, you should register their birth before you send your claim to us or a decision on your claim could be delayed.

Child Benefit can be backdated 3 months.

**You do not need to send us a birth certificate if either:**

- the child's birth was registered in England, Wales or Scotland as we can check their birth information
- you or someone else has claimed for this child in the past

### Documents we need

Only send us a birth certificate for each child in this claim if the child's birth was registered in Northern Ireland or outside the UK.

If your child is adopted, you should send us the adoption certificate.

If any child in this claim was born outside the UK we also need to see their passport(s) or their travel documents used to enter the UK.

We'll normally return your documents within 4 weeks.

If you do not send the documents we need with the claim form, a decision on your claim will be delayed.

**34 How many children are you claiming for on this form?**

**35 How many original birth certificates, adoption certificates, passports and/or travel documents are you sending us?**  
HMRC only accepts original documents so do not send photocopies. Authenticated/certified photocopies are not acceptable

Birth certificates - only send if the child's birth was registered in Northern Ireland or outside the UK

Adoption certificates

Passports

Travel documents

### 3 Children you want to claim for - Child 1

**36** Child's full name including last or family name  
As shown on their birth or adoption certificate.

Child's last name

Child's first name

Child's middle name(s)

**37** Is this child male or female?

Male  Female

**38** Child's date of birth

**39** Has this child's birth been registered in England, Wales or Scotland?

No  If No, send the documents as shown on page 4 of this form - 'Documents we need'

Yes  If Yes, and they were born in England or Wales, do not send any documents, **tell us the 9 digit system number from the bottom left hand corner of their birth certificate** - read page 4 of the CH2 Notes

Yes  If Yes, and they were born in Scotland, do not send any documents, **tell us the district number, year and entry number from their birth certificate** - read page 4 of the CH2 Notes

**40** Has this child ever been known by any other name?

No  Yes  If Yes, tell us the other name

Child's other name

**41** Has the name been changed by deed poll?

No  Yes

**42** Is this child your:  
Read page 4 of the CH2 Notes.

Birth child  Adopted child

Stepchild  None of these

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For official use 4

**43** Have you or anyone else ever claimed Child Benefit for this child? Read page 4 of the CH2 Notes.

No  If No, go to question 45

Yes  If Yes, go to question 44

**44** What is the name and address of the person who claimed Child Benefit for this child?

Name

Address

Postcode

**45** Does this child live with you in the UK?  
Read page 4 of the CH2 Notes.

No  If No, tell us the name and address of the person the child lives with

Name

Address

Postcode

Yes  If Yes, go to question 46

**46** Has this child lived with anyone else at a different address to you in the last 12 months?  
Read page 4 of the CH2 Notes.

No  If No, go to question 48

Yes  If Yes, tell us their name, address and telephone number

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

**47** What date did the child come to live with you?

**48** Are you adopting or planning to adopt this child through a local authority?

No  Yes

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### 3 Children you want to claim for - Child 2

**49** Child's full name including last or family name  
As shown on their birth or adoption certificate.

Child's last name

Child's first name

Child's middle name(s)

**50** Is this child male or female?  
 Male  Female

**51** Child's date of birth

**52** Has this child's birth been registered in England, Wales or Scotland?

No  If No, send the documents as shown on page 4 of this form - 'Documents we need'

Yes  If Yes, and they were born in England or Wales, do not send any documents, **tell us the 9 digit system number from the bottom left hand corner of their birth certificate** - read page 4 of the CH2 Notes

Yes  If Yes, and they were born in Scotland, do not send any documents, **tell us the district number, year and entry number from their birth certificate** - read page 4 of the CH2 Notes

**53** Has this child ever been known by any other name?  
 No  Yes  If Yes, tell us the other name

**54** Has the name been changed by deed poll?  
 No  Yes

**55** Is this child your:  
 Read page 4 of the CH2 Notes.

Birth child  Adopted child   
 Stepchild  None of these

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For office use 8

**56** Have you or anyone else ever claimed Child Benefit for this child? Read page 4 of the CH2 Notes.

No  If No, go to question 58  
 Yes  If Yes, go to question 57

**57** What is the name and address of the person who claimed Child Benefit for this child?

Name

Address

Postcode

**58** Does this child live with you in the UK?  
 Read page 4 of the CH2 Notes.

No  If No, tell us the name and address of the person this child lives with

Name

Address

Postcode

Yes  If Yes, go to question 59

**59** Has this child lived with anyone else at a different address to you in the last 12 months?  
 Read page 4 of the CH2 Notes.

No  If No, go to question 61  
 Yes  If Yes, tell us their name, address and telephone number

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

**60** What date did the child come to live with you?

**61** Are you adopting or planning to adopt this child through a local authority?  
 No  Yes

If you want to claim for any more children, go to page 7 of the CH2 Notes and fill in the 'Additional children' form

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## 4 Higher income earners

**i** Only answer question 62 if either you or your partner have an individual income of more than £50,000 a year.

If you or your partner have an individual income of:

- more than £60,000 a year - a tax charge equal to the Child Benefit payment will apply, so you may not want to be paid Child Benefit
- between £50,000 and £60,000 a year - a tax charge of less than the Child Benefit payment will apply, so you may want to be paid Child Benefit

If you're not sure if either you or your partner have an individual income of more than £50,000, read page 2 of the CH2 Notes.

### 62 Do you want to be paid Child Benefit?

Only answer this question if either you or your partner have an individual income of more than £50,000 a year. Read page 5 of the CH2 Notes.

No  I do not want to be paid Child Benefit, but I want to protect my State Pension. Go to the declaration on page 8

Yes  I want to be paid Child Benefit. I understand that I or my partner may have to pay an Income Tax charge. Go to question 63

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## 5 How you want to be paid

### 63 Do you want to be paid Child Benefit every week?

**i** We normally pay Child Benefit every 4 weeks into a bank or building society account.

Page 5 of the CH2 Notes tells you if you can be paid every week.

No  If No, go to question 65

Yes  If Yes, go to question 64

### 64 To get Child Benefit paid every week tick all boxes which apply to you or your partner

I am a single parent

I or my partner receive one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit

### 65 Do you already get Child Benefit?

No  If No, go to question 66

Yes  If Yes, we'll use the bank or building society account we already pay your Child Benefit into. Go to the declaration on page 8

## 6 Bank details

### 66 Tick the box which applies to you

**i** Read page 5 of the CH2 Notes before filling in this section.

We can pay Child Benefit into an account that you nominate if the account is capable of receiving direct credit transfer, for example a suitable bank or building society account.

The account is in my name, go to question 67

The account is in someone else's name - tell us the name of the account holder in the box below

The account is in joint names - tell us the names of the account holders in the box below

Name 1

Name 2

### 67 Name of the bank or building society

### 68 The branch sort code. Read page 5 of the CH2 Notes.

### 69 The account number. Read page 5 of the CH2 Notes.

### 70 If the account is with a building society, tell us the roll or reference number if you have it. Read page 5 of the CH2 Notes.

### 71 If you do not have an account that we can pay into, put an 'X' in this box

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For office use 15

### Important

Fill in the declaration on page 8.

## Documents we need

You need to send us these documents with your claim form if the child has not been claimed for before:

- the birth certificate for each child in this claim if the child's birth was registered in Northern Ireland or outside the UK
- if any child in this claim was born outside the UK, we also need to see their passport(s) or their travel documents used to enter the UK

If this claim is for a child you've adopted, you should send us the adoption certificate.

Do not send photocopies of any of the documents you're sending us. You also need to send us any extra pages you've filled in if you want to claim for more than 2 children.

If you do not send all the documents we need with the claim form, a decision on your claim could be delayed, however your payments can be backdated to the date we receive your claim once our decision is made. You'll still need to send the documents as soon as you can after submitting your claim.

Make sure we have the right address to return your documents. If you move without telling us your new address, we'll not be able to return your documents and we may destroy them. If we believe that any of the documents you send us are not genuine, we may keep them.

## What you need to do now

After you've signed and dated the declaration below, return your form with any documents we need. If you do not have a pre-addressed envelope, send your form to:

Child Benefit Office (GB)  
Washington  
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE  
NE88 1ZD

You'll need a stamp for your envelope; make sure you pay the correct postage.

If you're sending us any documents you want returning, fill in the address label (CH3) and enclose with your claim form.

## What happens next

We'll review your claim and write to tell you if you can get Child Benefit and how much you'll get. We'll normally return your documents within 4 weeks.

## Help

If you need more help or information,  
 go to [www.gov.uk/child-benefit](http://www.gov.uk/child-benefit) or phone our helpline below.

If you have a change in your circumstances:

 go to [www.gov.uk/report-changes-child-benefit](http://www.gov.uk/report-changes-child-benefit)

- phone the Child Benefit Helpline on 0300 200 3100
- use Relay UK (if you cannot hear or speak on the phone) dial 18001 then 0300 200 3100
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- write to  
HM Revenue and Customs  
Child Benefit Office  
PO Box 1  
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE  
NE88 1AA
- if you're overseas,  
phone +44 161 210 3086

When you get in touch with us, tell us your:

- full name
- National Insurance number
- daytime telephone number

## Declaration

Tick the box(es) that apply to you and sign this form to claim Child Benefit.

I'm sending the birth certificate(s) or other documents that you need with this form.

I understand if I do not send the documents you need with this claim form, a decision on my claim will be delayed.

I am not sending photocopies.

I declare that the information I've given on this form is correct and complete. If I give information which I know is not correct or complete, you may take action against me. I'll tell you about changes to my circumstances when they happen and understand I could be overpaid and may have to pay money back if I do not.

Signature

Date

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Document(s) returned

Birth certificate	Normal		
Passport	Recorded		
Other	Registered		

Date claim received
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