



# Maternity Allowance

## Test Period table

### **We have many ways we can communicate with you**

If you would like braille, British Sign Language, a hearing loop, translations, large print, audio or something else please call us on **0800 169 0283** or textphone **0800 169 0286** and tell us which you need.

If you live in Wales and want this Test Period table in Welsh please call us on **0800 169 0296**.

Calls to 0800 numbers are free from personal mobiles and landlines.

# About the Test Period table

You need to work out your Test Period dates before you fill in the Maternity Allowance claim form.

Your Test Period is the 66 weeks before the week the baby is due. How much Maternity Allowance you get depends on your earnings or what you are treated as earning during your Test Period. For more information see the notes that come with the claim form.



You can get the dates by using the online Test Period calculator. You enter the baby's due date and it works out the dates you need.

Go to [\*\*https://secure.dwp.gov.uk/check-your-maternity-allowance-dates/date-baby-due\*\*](https://secure.dwp.gov.uk/check-your-maternity-allowance-dates/date-baby-due)

If you cannot use the online calculator, you can use this Test Period table.

Please keep this table booklet for your information, do not return it with your MA1 claim form.

# How to use this Test Period table

Find the week in **column 1** of the table that includes the date the baby is due. Read across the line to work out your Test Period and the 15th week before the week the baby is due.

If the week you expect to have the baby is not shown in **column 1** of the table, contact us and ask for a new Maternity Allowance Test Period table.

The 15th week before the week the baby is due is used to decide if you should be getting Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP). This week starts on the date shown in **column 4** of the table.

## Example

Date the baby is due is: **01 December 2023**

The week that includes the date the baby is due is:

**(column 1) 26 November 2023 - 02 December 2023**

Your Test Period is

**(columns 2 and 3) 21 August 2022 - 25 November 2023**

The 15th week before the week the baby is due starts on:

**(column 4) 13 August 2023**

The date you can claim from is:

**(column 5) 20 August 2023**

Do not sign, date or send us your claim form before the date in column 5. If you do, it may delay your claim.

## 2023

<b>1</b> <b>The week that includes the date the baby is due</b>	<b>2</b> <b>The first day of your Test Period</b>	<b>3</b> <b>The last day of your Test Period</b>	<b>4</b> <b>The 15th week before the week the baby is due starts on</b>	<b>5</b> <b>The date you can claim from</b>
<b>August</b>				
30/07 – 05/08	24/04/2022	29/07/2023	16/04/2023	23/04/2023
06/08 – 12/08	01/05/2022	05/08/2023	23/04/2023	30/04/2023
13/08 – 19/08	08/05/2022	12/08/2023	30/04/2023	07/05/2023
20/08 – 26/08	15/05/2022	19/08/2023	07/05/2023	14/05/2023
27/08 – 02/09	22/05/2022	26/08/2023	14/05/2023	21/05/2023
<b>September</b>				
03/09 – 09/09	29/05/2022	02/09/2023	21/05/2023	28/05/2023
10/09 – 16/09	05/06/2022	09/09/2023	28/05/2023	04/06/2023
17/09 – 23/09	12/06/2022	16/09/2023	04/06/2023	11/06/2023
24/09 – 30/09	19/06/2022	23/09/2023	11/06/2023	18/06/2023
<b>October</b>				
01/10 – 07/10	26/06/2022	30/09/2023	18/06/2023	25/06/2023
08/10 – 14/10	03/07/2022	07/10/2023	25/06/2023	02/07/2023
15/10 – 21/10	10/07/2022	14/10/2023	02/07/2023	09/07/2023
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<b>November</b>				
05/11 – 11/11	31/07/2022	04/11/2023	23/07/2023	30/07/2023
12/11 – 18/11	07/08/2022	11/11/2023	30/07/2023	06/08/2023
19/11 – 25/11	14/08/2022	18/11/2023	06/08/2023	13/08/2023
26/11 – 02/12	21/08/2022	25/11/2023	13/08/2023	20/08/2023
<b>December</b>				
03/12 – 09/12	28/08/2022	02/12/2023	20/08/2023	27/08/2023
10/12 – 16/12	04/09/2022	09/12/2023	27/08/2023	03/09/2023
17/12 – 23/12	11/09/2022	16/12/2023	03/09/2023	10/09/2023
24/12 – 30/12	18/09/2022	23/12/2023	10/09/2023	17/09/2023
31/12 – 06/01	25/09/2022	30/12/2023	17/09/2023	24/09/2023

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<b>January</b>				
07/01 – 13/01	02/10/2022	06/01/2024	24/09/2023	01/10/2023
14/01 – 20/01	09/10/2022	13/01/2024	01/10/2023	08/10/2023
21/01 – 27/01	16/10/2022	20/01/2024	08/10/2023	15/10/2023
28/01 – 03/02	23/10/2022	27/01/2024	15/10/2023	22/10/2023
<b>February</b>				
04/02 – 10/02	30/10/2022	03/02/2024	22/10/2023	29/10/2023
11/02 – 17/02	06/11/2022	10/02/2024	29/10/2023	05/11/2023
18/02 – 24/02	13/11/2022	17/02/2024	05/11/2023	12/11/2023
25/02 – 02/03	20/11/2022	24/02/2024	12/11/2023	19/11/2023
<b>March</b>				
03/03 – 09/03	27/11/2022	02/03/2024	19/11/2023	26/11/2023
10/03 – 16/03	04/12/2022	09/03/2024	26/11/2023	03/12/2023
17/03 – 23/03	11/12/2022	16/03/2024	03/12/2023	10/12/2023
24/03 – 30/03	18/12/2022	23/03/2024	10/12/2023	17/12/2023
31/03 – 06/04	25/12/2022	30/03/2024	17/12/2023	24/12/2023
<b>April</b>				
07/04 – 13/04	01/01/2023	06/04/2024	24/12/2023	31/12/2023
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<b>May</b>				
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19/05 – 25/05	12/02/2023	18/05/2024	04/02/2024	11/02/2024
26/05 – 01/06	19/02/2023	25/05/2024	11/02/2024	18/02/2024
<b>June</b>				
02/06 – 08/06	26/02/2023	01/06/2024	18/02/2024	25/02/2024
09/06 – 15/06	05/03/2023	08/06/2024	25/02/2024	03/03/2024
16/06 – 22/06	12/03/2023	15/06/2024	03/03/2024	10/03/2024
23/06 – 29/06	19/03/2023	22/06/2024	10/03/2024	17/03/2024
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<b>December</b>				
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14/12 – 20/12	08/09/2024	13/12/2025	31/08/2025	07/09/2025
21/12 – 27/12	15/09/2024	20/12/2025	07/09/2025	14/09/2025
28/12 – 03/01	22/09/2024	27/12/2025	14/09/2025	21/09/2025