



# Sure Start Maternity Grant from the Social Fund

## Important information

Before you fill in this claim form, please take a few minutes to read these notes. They contain important information and help explain some of the questions we ask you and why we are asking them.

### What is a Sure Start Maternity Grant?

A Sure Start Maternity Grant is a one off payment to help towards the cost of having a child.

### If you live in Scotland

On 10 December 2018 Best Start Grant, Pregnancy and Baby Payment replaced Sure Start Maternity Grant for customers living in Scotland:

- you will no longer be able to get Sure Start Maternity Grant from that date
- if you claimed before 10 December 2018, we will process your claim as normal

For more information about Best Start Grant, including information on how to claim, go to: [www.mygov.scot](http://www.mygov.scot)

### Can I get a Sure Start Maternity Grant?

You may be able to get a Sure Start Maternity Grant if:

#### **you live in England or Wales and:**

- your new baby is the only child under 16 years of age in your family, or
- you already have a child or children under 16 years of age in your family and you are having a multiple birth, for example twins or triplets, or
- you already have a child under 16 years of age living with you who is not your own, such as a younger brother or sister, that you are looking after because he/she is not able to be looked after by his/her own parents and they were over 12 months old when this arrangement started. Stepchildren or partner's children under 16 years of age are counted as children living with you so if you have stepchildren or partner's children under 16 years of age living with you, **you may not** be able to get a Sure Start Maternity Grant, **and you or your partner are getting one of the following benefits:**
  - Universal Credit
  - Child Tax Credit
  - Working Tax Credit
  - Income Support
  - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
  - Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
  - Pension Credit

If you get Maternity Allowance you could also apply for a Sure Start Maternity Grant if you get one of the benefits listed above

You will **not** qualify for a Sure Start Maternity Grant if:

- there are any children under 16 years of age living with you, regardless of where they were born, except in circumstances as listed above
- the Best Start Maternity Grant, Pregnancy and Baby Payment has already been paid to you or someone else for this baby or babies

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If you are getting one of the benefits listed above, **and** you need help with buying things for a baby that:

- has recently been born or is expected to be born in the next 11 weeks and
- you are the father, mother or expectant mother or their partner, or you are getting benefit for the mother or expectant mother and they are under 20 years of age, or
- was recently born and you have become responsible for that child but you are not the mother (for example you are the child's father, grandparent), or
- is the subject of an adoption or residence order, or
- is the subject of a parental order in respect of a surrogate birth, or
- has been placed with you for adoption, or
- you have been appointed the child's guardian, or
- you have adopted overseas, or
- you have been granted a parental order with your partner under section 30 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 or section 54 of the 2008 Act

**Please note** - if the claim is being submitted by the father or partner of an expectant mother before the birth of the baby, a Sure Start Maternity Grant can only be paid if the couple are living together. Claims from a single person other than the expectant mother cannot be paid before the birth of a baby.

If you receive Universal Credit, we'll make a decision on your Sure Start Maternity Grant claim after your next Universal Credit payment.

We use *partner* to mean:

- a person you live with who is your husband, wife or civil partner, or
- a person you live with as if you are a married couple

## Kinship Carers

You will be a kinship carer if you are a relative or family friend looking after a child who can't be looked after by their birth parents and you are expecting your first child. You will not be a kinship carer if the child living with you is your partner's biological child.

## When can I claim a Sure Start Maternity Grant?

- **If you, your partner, or dependent child, are expecting a baby or have just had a baby**  
claim in the period 11 weeks before the week your baby is due until 6 months after your baby is born.
- **If you are not the mother but have become the responsible parent of a baby**  
claim within 6 months of becoming responsible. The baby must not be more than 1 year old when you claim.
- **If you have been granted an adoption order or residence order for a baby**  
claim within 6 months of the date on the order. The baby must not be more than 1 year old when you claim.
- **If you have been granted a parental order with your partner for a baby**  
claim within 6 months of the date on the order. The baby must not be more than 1 year old when you claim.
- **If you have been appointed guardian of a baby**  
claim within 6 months of the date the guardianship takes effect. The baby must not be more than 1 year old when you claim.
- **If you have had a baby placed with you for adoption**  
claim within 6 months of the date the baby is placed with you. The baby must not be more than 1 year old when you claim.
- **If you have adopted a baby overseas**  
claim within 6 months of the adoption taking effect or being recognised. The baby must not be more than 1 year old when you claim.

**If you are waiting for a decision on a claim for a benefit listed on the first page of this form, or you have asked for your Child Tax Credit award to be reviewed, you must still claim within 6 months.**

## Filling in the form

Fill in the form fully by answering **all** the questions and requests for information.

**Your application may be delayed if we do not have all the information we need.**

**Note** - Please note that we can only give you a Sure Start Maternity Grant if:

- a health professional such as your doctor or midwife has filled in section 13, and
- we receive your completed form by the dates shown above.

**Keep these pages for your information**

# Part 1: About you and your partner

Please fill in this form with **BLACK INK and in CAPITALS** signing and dating any changes you make.

## Are you or your partner involved in a trade dispute?

We use *trade dispute* to mean a strike, a walkout, a lockout or another dispute at work.

You	Your partner
No <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> How long have you or your partner not been working because of a trade dispute? If this is less than 6 weeks, we may not be able to make a payment.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> How long have you or your partner not been working because of a trade dispute? If this is less than 6 weeks, we may not be able to make a payment.
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Surname or family name** including title

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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**All other names**, in full

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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**Date of birth**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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**Current address** including postcode

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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**Date you or your partner moved into this address**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Tell us if this address is

<input type="checkbox"/> temporary	<input type="checkbox"/> temporary
<input type="checkbox"/> permanent	<input type="checkbox"/> permanent

## Previous address

Please tell us your previous address, and tell us your partner's previous address, if it is different.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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**National Insurance number**

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You can find the number on a National Insurance numbercard, letters about benefit, or payslips.

Please also provide the same details on the health professional's statement on **Page 10**.

**Daytime phone number**, if you have one. We may need to contact you by phone to get more information or to let you know when we have made a decision on your claim. Please note that our number may show as 0800, unknown or withheld.

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We will send you a text message when we have made a decision on your application

**Mobile phone number** if you have one.

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**Your email address**, if you have one.

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## Part 2: About benefits, entitlements and payments

### Are you or your partner getting any of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Support for Mortgage Interest loan
- Maternity Allowance (we can only pay Sure Start Maternity Grant if you are also getting one of the benefits listed above)

No

Yes  Please tell us which benefits you are getting.

### Are you or your partner waiting to hear about a claim for any of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Support for Mortgage Interest loan
- Maternity Allowance (we can only pay Sure Start Maternity Grant if you are also getting one of the benefits listed above)

No

Yes  Please tell us which benefits you are waiting to hear about.

## Part 3: Expecting a baby

### Please tell us the date the baby is expected

So that we can consider your claim for a Sure Start Maternity Grant, **the health professional's statement which is on Page 10 of this claim form must be filled in by a health professional.** For example, your midwife.

### Is more than one baby expected?

No

Yes  How many babies are expected?

## Part 4: If the baby has already been born

Please tell us the date the baby was born.

So that we can consider your claim for a Sure Start Maternity Grant, **the health professional's statement which is on Page 10 of this claim form must be filled in by a health professional.** For example, your midwife.

In case of a still birth you do not have to send the health professional's statement but, so that we can consider your claim, you must provide us with evidence of the birth, for example the death certificate.

Was more than one baby born?

No

Yes

How many babies were born?

## Part 5: About a baby already born that you have become responsible for

Are you receiving benefit for the parent of the baby because they are under 20 years of age?

No

Yes  Please tell us their name.

Are you the parent, but not the mother, of a baby you now care for?

No

Yes

When did the baby start to live with you?

When did you get Child Benefit?

Who got Child Benefit before?

Have you or your partner been granted an adoption order or a residence order?

No

Yes

What is the date of the order?

For how many children?

Please send the order with this form.

Have you and your partner been granted a parental order under section 30 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act or section 54 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008?

No

Yes

What is the date of the order?

For how many children?

Please send the order with this form.

Have you or your partner been appointed a legal guardian?

No

Yes

When did this take effect?

For how many children?

Please send the evidence of appointment with this claim form.

## Part 5: About a baby already born continued

Have you or your partner had a child placed with you for adoption?

No

Yes

What date was the placement?

How many children were placed?

Please send the evidence of placement with this claim form.

Have you or your partner adopted a baby from overseas?

No

Yes

When did this take effect?

How many children were adopted?

Please send evidence that the adoption is recognised in Great Britain with this claim form.

## Part 6: About other children under 16 years of age in your household

Apart from the baby you have told us about in Part 3, Part 4 or Part 5, are there any other children under 16 years of age living with you?

Please note there is an exception to the child under 16 rule in the case of multiple births and for some kinship carers.

No  Go to **Part 7**.

Yes

Tell us about the children below. If you need to tell us about more than 4 children, please use the space in **Part 8**.

You cannot usually get a grant unless your new baby is the only child under 16 in your family, your dependant's new baby is the only baby under 16 in your family, or you care for a child in your household who is not your own. Please clearly indicate your relationship, including if you are a kinship carer, for any other child under 16 living with you.

Stepchildren or partner's children under 16 are counted as children living with you so if you have stepchildren or partner's children under 16 years of age living with you, you, then you will not usually be able to get a Sure Start Maternity Grant.

Name of child	Date of birth	Relationship to you or your partner	Benefits or tax credits you or your partner get for the child
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<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If you are a kinship carer for any of the children listed above, please tell us about the children below:

Name of child	Names of biological parents	Address of biological parents	Age of child when kinship arrangement started	Reason why biological parents are unable to care for this child, for example deceased, living abroad
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## Part 7: General information

**Has a Sure Start Maternity Grant from the Social Fund already been paid to either you or someone else for this baby or babies?**

No

Yes  Who was it paid to?

We can only pay another Sure Start Maternity Grant if:

- you are not the mother but have become the parent who cares for the baby
- you have been granted an adoption or residence order, or
- you and your partner have been granted a parental order under section 30 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 or section 54 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008
- you have been appointed the guardian
- you have had a baby placed with you for adoption by an agency
- you have adopted overseas within section 66(1)(c)–(e) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002

**Has a Best Start Grant from the Scottish Government already been paid to either you or someone else for this baby or babies?**

No

Yes  Who was it paid to?

**Are you or your partner already getting Child Benefit?**

No

Yes

If you want to claim Child Benefit, claim forms are available direct from HM Revenue & Customs. Phone the Child Benefit helpline on **0300 200 3100** or visit **www.gov.uk**

## Part 8: Other information

**Please use this space to tell us anything else you think we might need to know.**

If there is not enough space, please use a separate sheet of paper. Make sure that you put your full name and National Insurance number on each separate sheet of paper you use.

## Part 9: How we pay you

**We will pay your money directly into the account where we normally pay your benefit**

Many banks and building societies will let you collect your money at the Post Office. We will tell you when your Social Fund payment will be made and how much it will be for.

**Finding out how much we have paid into the account**

You can check your payments on account statements. The statements may show your National Insurance number next to any payments we have made. If you think your payment is wrong, get in touch with the office that pays you straight away.

### What to do now

Go to:

- **Part 10** if you have filled in this form for yourself, or
- **Part 11** if you are filling in and signing this form for someone else

# Part 10: Making payment if you are getting or waiting to hear about a claim for Working Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit

## About the account you want to use for this payment

- You can use an account in your name, or a joint account.
- You can use someone else's account if:
  - the terms and conditions of their account allow this, and
  - they agree to let you use their account, and
  - you are sure they will use your money in the way you tell them.
- You can use a credit union account. You must tell us the credit union's account details. Your credit union will be able to help you with this.
- If you are an appointee or a legal representative acting on behalf of the claimant, the account should be in your name only.

### Please tell us your account details below.

**It is very important you fill in all the boxes correctly, including the bank, building society roll or reference number, if you have one. If you tell us the wrong account details your payment may be delayed or you may lose money.**

You can find the account details on your chequebook or bank statements. If you do not know the account details, ask the bank or building society.

#### Name of the account holder

Please write the name of the account holder exactly as it is shown on the chequebook or statement.

#### Full name of bank or building society

#### Sort code

Please tell us all 6 numbers, for example: 123456.

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#### Account number

Most account numbers are 8 numbers long. If your account number has fewer than 10 numbers, please fill in the numbers from the left.

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#### Building society roll or reference number

If you are using a building society account you may need to tell us a roll or reference number. This may be made up of letters and numbers, and may be up to 18 characters long. If you are not sure if the account has a roll or reference number, ask the building society.

#### What to do now

Go to:

- **Part 11** if you are filling in and signing this form for someone else, or
- **Part 12** if you have filled in this form for yourself



## Part 11: For people filling in and signing this form for someone else

Please tell us why you are filling in and signing this form for someone else.

- I am sending a letter signed by the claimant with this form. The letter tells you that they agree to me making the claim for them.
- I am their appointee.
- I have power of attorney.

Your full name

Your date of birth

Your address

including postcode

Your phone number

What is this number? Please tick

- Home     Work     Mobile

**Now read the declaration and sign in Part 12 below**

## Part 12: Declaration

Your application may be delayed if we do not have all the information we need, this includes the completed health professional statement.

By submitting this claim you agree that the information you've given is complete and correct; you'll report changes to your circumstances straight away by calling 0800 169 0140. If you give wrong or incomplete information, or you don't report changes straightaway, you may:

- be prosecuted
- need to pay a financial penalty
- have your claim reduced or stopped
- be paid too much and have to pay the money back

If we pay you less than we should, we may pay you the money that we owe you.

**This is my claim for a Sure Start Maternity Grant.**

Signature

Date

# Part 13: Health professional's statement

## To be completed by the health professional only

Please complete the appropriate boxes below, the surgery or office address, contact telephone number and NMC PIN.

I certify that ..... (insert name of parent)

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National Insurance number

• **consulted me in respect of** ..... (insert words. For example: **one**) **expected child or children:**

- expected in the week that includes ..... (health professionals only).
- born on .....

• **has received advice, as appropriate, on aspects of:**

- maternal health and the health and welfare of the child (pre-confinement consultation).
- the health and welfare of the new child (post-confinement consultation).

Date of consultation

Date of signing

Health professional's signature

Health professional's name (please print or use a stamp)

Authentication stamp or, for midwives or health visitors who do not have an authentication stamp, details of surgery or office address and phone number, contact phone number if different, and NMC PIN.

Surgery or office address

Contact phone number

NMC PIN

## Part 14: What to do now



**Your application may be delayed if we do not have all the information we need. This includes the health professional's statement.**

Please read through this form again and check that you have answered all the questions:

- If you have made any alterations, please make sure you initial and date them
- Check you have signed and dated the form
- Check that the health professional's statement has been fully completed by your midwife, or another health professional
- Check that you are sending all the documents we have asked for. Please send the originals as we cannot accept photocopies. But do not delay sending in this form

**You must send this claim form to us from 11 weeks before the week your baby is due. But remember, you must claim before the baby is 6 months old.**

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## Where to send this form

- **Send it by post to:**  
Freepost DWP SSMG
  - **Take it to your nearest Jobcentre Plus office.**  
You can find the address in the business section of the phone book. Look under **Jobcentre Plus**.
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## Help and advice

If you want more information:

- get in touch with Jobcentre Plus. Phone **0800 169 0140**
  - you can also get more information from **[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)**
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## How the Department for Work and Pensions collects and uses information

How DWP collects and uses information

When we collect information about you we may use it for any of our purposes. These include:

- social security benefits and allowances
- child maintenance
- employment and training
- investigating and prosecuting tax credits offences
- private pensions policy and
- retirement planning

We may get information about you from other parties for any of our purposes as the law allows to check the information you provide and improve our services. We may give information about you to other organisations as the law allows, for example to protect against crime.

To find out more about our purposes, how we use personal information for those purposes and your information rights, including how to request a copy of your information, please see

**[www.gov.uk/dwp/personal-information-charter](http://www.gov.uk/dwp/personal-information-charter)**

