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'What form of evidence is required to add a child element after a claimant has a baby? If the evidence cannot be provided within a calendar month (bearing in mind Child Benefit delays and other circumstances) can this time limit be extended?'

DWP response

The form of evidence can either be a birth certificate **or** a notification of birth from the Tell us Once Service. If the evidence is received after the Assessment Period in which the child was born then consideration will be given by a decision maker to back date the child element, and any arrears will be paid to the claimant.