



Maternity Allowance

Test Period table

Other ways to communicate with us

If you need braille, British Sign Language, a hearing loop, translations, large print, Easy Read, audio or something else, please contact us on 0800 169 0283.

If you use Relay UK dial 18001 followed by our telephone number.

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

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>**

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: **05 February 2026**

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

(column 1) 01 February 2026 - 07 February 2026

Your Test Period is

(columns 2 and 3) 27 October 2024 - 31 January 2026

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

(column 4) 19 October 2025

The date you can claim from is:

(column 5) 26 October 2025

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

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August				
03/08 – 09/08	28/04/2024	02/08/2025	20/04/2025	27/04/2025
10/08 – 16/08	05/05/2024	09/08/2025	27/04/2025	04/05/2025
17/08 – 23/08	12/05/2024	16/08/2025	04/05/2025	11/05/2025
24/08 – 30/08	19/05/2024	23/08/2025	11/05/2025	18/05/2025
31/08 – 06/09	26/05/2024	30/08/2025	18/05/2025	25/05/2025
September				
07/09 – 13/09	02/06/2024	06/09/2025	25/05/2025	01/06/2025
14/09 – 20/09	09/06/2024	13/09/2025	01/06/2025	08/06/2025
21/09 – 27/09	16/06/2024	20/09/2025	08/06/2025	15/06/2025
28/09 – 04/10	23/06/2024	27/09/2025	15/06/2025	22/06/2025
October				
05/10 – 11/10	30/06/2024	04/10/2025	22/06/2025	29/06/2025
12/10 – 18/10	07/07/2024	11/10/2025	29/06/2025	06/07/2025
19/10 – 25/10	14/07/2024	18/10/2025	06/07/2025	13/07/2025
26/10 – 01/11	21/07/2024	25/10/2025	13/07/2025	20/07/2025
November				
02/11 – 08/11	28/07/2024	01/11/2025	20/07/2025	27/07/2025
09/11 – 15/11	04/08/2024	08/11/2025	27/07/2025	03/08/2025
16/11 – 22/11	11/08/2024	15/11/2025	03/08/2025	10/08/2025
23/11 – 29/11	18/08/2024	22/11/2025	10/08/2025	17/08/2025
30/11 – 06/12	25/08/2024	29/11/2025	17/08/2025	24/08/2025
December				
07/12 – 13/12	01/09/2024	06/12/2025	24/08/2025	31/08/2025
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

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January				
04/01 – 10/01	29/09/2024	03/01/2026	21/09/2025	28/09/2025
11/01 – 17/01	06/10/2024	10/01/2026	28/09/2025	05/10/2025
18/01 – 24/01	13/10/2024	17/01/2026	05/10/2025	12/10/2025
25/01 – 31/01	20/10/2024	24/01/2026	12/10/2025	19/10/2025
February				
01/02 – 07/02	27/10/2024	31/01/2026	19/10/2025	26/10/2025
08/02 – 14/02	03/11/2024	07/02/2026	26/10/2025	02/11/2025
15/02 – 21/02	10/11/2024	14/02/2026	02/11/2025	09/11/2025
22/02 – 28/02	17/11/2024	21/02/2026	09/11/2025	16/11/2025
March				
01/03 – 07/03	24/11/2024	28/02/2026	16/11/2025	23/11/2025
08/03 – 14/03	01/12/2024	07/03/2026	23/11/2025	30/11/2025
15/03 – 21/03	08/12/2024	14/03/2026	30/11/2025	07/12/2025
22/03 – 28/03	15/12/2024	21/03/2026	07/12/2025	14/12/2025
29/03 – 04/04	22/12/2024	28/03/2026	14/12/2025	21/12/2025
April				
05/04 – 11/04	29/12/2024	04/04/2026	21/12/2025	28/12/2025
12/04 – 18/04	05/01/2025	11/04/2026	28/12/2025	04/01/2026
19/04 – 25/04	12/01/2025	18/04/2026	04/01/2026	11/01/2026
26/04 – 02/05	19/01/2025	25/04/2026	11/01/2026	18/01/2026
May				
03/05 – 09/05	26/01/2025	02/05/2026	18/01/2026	25/01/2026
10/05 – 16/05	02/02/2025	09/05/2026	25/01/2026	01/02/2026
17/05 – 23/05	09/02/2025	16/05/2026	01/02/2026	08/02/2026
24/05 – 30/05	16/02/2025	23/05/2026	08/02/2026	15/02/2026
31/05 – 06/06	23/02/2025	30/05/2026	15/02/2026	22/02/2026
June				
07/06 – 13/06	02/03/2025	06/06/2026	22/02/2026	01/03/2026
14/06 – 20/06	09/03/2025	13/06/2026	01/03/2026	08/03/2026
21/06 – 27/06	16/03/2025	20/06/2026	08/03/2026	15/03/2026
28/06 – 04/07	23/03/2025	27/06/2026	15/03/2026	22/03/2026

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July				
05/07 – 11/07	30/03/2025	04/07/2026	22/03/2026	29/03/2026
12/07 – 18/07	06/04/2025	11/07/2026	29/03/2026	05/04/2026
19/07 – 25/07	13/04/2025	18/07/2026	05/04/2026	12/04/2026
26/07 – 01/08	20/04/2025	25/07/2026	12/04/2026	19/04/2026
August				
02/08 – 08/08	27/04/2025	01/08/2026	19/04/2026	26/04/2026
09/08 – 15/08	04/05/2025	08/08/2026	26/04/2026	03/05/2026
16/08 – 22/08	11/05/2025	15/08/2026	03/05/2026	10/05/2026
23/08 – 29/08	18/05/2025	22/08/2026	10/05/2026	17/05/2026
30/08 – 05/09	25/05/2025	29/08/2026	17/05/2026	24/05/2026
September				
06/09 – 12/09	01/06/2025	05/09/2026	24/05/2026	31/05/2026
13/09 – 19/09	08/06/2025	12/09/2026	31/05/2026	07/06/2026
20/09 – 26/09	15/06/2025	19/09/2026	07/06/2026	14/06/2026
27/09 – 03/10	22/06/2025	26/09/2026	14/06/2026	21/06/2026
October				
04/10 – 10/10	29/06/2025	03/10/2026	21/06/2026	28/06/2026
11/10 – 17/10	06/07/2025	10/10/2026	28/06/2026	05/07/2026
18/10 – 24/10	13/07/2025	17/10/2026	05/07/2026	12/07/2026
25/10 – 31/10	20/07/2025	24/10/2026	12/07/2026	19/07/2026
November				
01/11 – 07/11	27/07/2025	31/10/2026	19/07/2026	26/07/2026
08/11 – 14/11	03/08/2025	07/11/2026	26/07/2026	02/08/2026
15/11 – 21/11	10/08/2025	14/11/2026	02/08/2026	09/08/2026
22/11 – 28/11	17/08/2025	21/11/2026	09/08/2026	16/08/2026
29/11 – 05/12	24/08/2025	28/11/2026	16/08/2026	23/08/2026
December				
06/12 – 12/12	31/08/2025	05/12/2026	23/08/2026	30/08/2026
13/12 – 19/12	07/09/2025	12/12/2026	30/08/2026	06/09/2026
20/12 – 26/12	14/09/2025	19/12/2026	06/09/2026	13/09/2026
27/12 – 02/01	21/09/2025	26/12/2026	13/09/2026	20/09/2026

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10/01 – 16/01	05/10/2025	09/01/2027	27/09/2026	04/10/2026
17/01 – 23/01	12/10/2025	16/01/2027	04/10/2026	11/10/2026
24/01 – 30/01	19/10/2025	23/01/2027	11/10/2026	18/10/2026
31/01 – 06/02	26/10/2025	30/01/2027	18/10/2026	25/10/2026
February				
07/02 – 13/02	02/11/2025	06/02/2027	25/10/2026	01/11/2026
14/02 – 20/02	09/11/2025	13/02/2027	01/11/2026	08/11/2026
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14/03 – 20/03	07/12/2025	13/03/2027	29/11/2026	06/12/2026
21/03 – 27/03	14/12/2025	20/03/2027	06/12/2026	13/12/2026
28/03 – 03/04	21/12/2025	27/03/2027	13/12/2026	20/12/2026
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18/04 – 24/04	11/01/2026	17/04/2027	03/01/2027	10/01/2027
25/04 – 01/05	18/01/2026	24/04/2027	10/01/2027	17/01/2027
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02/05 – 08/05	25/01/2026	01/05/2027	17/01/2027	24/01/2027
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23/05 – 29/05	15/02/2026	22/05/2027	07/02/2027	14/02/2027
30/05 – 05/06	22/02/2026	29/05/2027	14/02/2027	21/02/2027
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06/06 – 12/06	01/03/2026	05/06/2027	21/02/2027	28/02/2027
13/06 – 19/06	08/03/2026	12/06/2027	28/02/2027	07/03/2027
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17/10 – 23/10	12/07/2026	16/10/2027	04/07/2027	11/07/2027
24/10 – 30/10	19/07/2026	23/10/2027	11/07/2027	18/07/2027
31/10 – 06/11	26/07/2026	30/10/2027	18/07/2027	25/07/2027
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07/11 – 13/11	02/08/2026	06/11/2027	25/07/2027	01/08/2027
14/11 – 20/11	09/08/2026	13/11/2027	01/08/2027	08/08/2027
21/11 – 27/11	16/08/2026	20/11/2027	08/08/2027	15/08/2027
28/11 – 04/12	23/08/2026	27/11/2027	15/08/2027	22/08/2027
December				
05/12 – 11/12	30/08/2026	04/12/2027	22/08/2027	29/08/2027
12/12 – 18/12	06/09/2026	11/12/2027	29/08/2027	05/09/2027
19/12 – 25/12	13/09/2026	18/12/2027	05/09/2027	12/09/2027
26/12 – 01/01	20/09/2026	25/12/2027	12/09/2027	19/09/2027