

# Child Tax Credits



## What it is?

Child Tax Credit is a means-tested allowance for parents and carers of children or young people who are still in full-time education.

## How much can I get?

Child Tax Credits are made up of two elements, and the amount you are awarded is dependant on different criteria and your annual income.

- a family element paid to any family with at least one child and worth up to £545 (2006-2007 tax year)
- a child element paid for each child in the family and worth up to £1,765 (2006-2007 tax year)

You may get more if you care for a child under one or a disabled child.

In addition to this, if you or your partner is working, you may be entitled to a Working Tax Credit, and this includes a childcare element to help families who are working and spending money on childcare.

## How do I qualify?

Tax Credits are based on your household circumstances, so you need to provide information about:

- your income
- your partner's or civil partner's income (if you have one)
- the number of children in your family

## How do I claim?

You can claim a form from your local Jobcentre Plus or by the following methods:

### Post and phone

You can claim Child Tax Credit by post or over the phone by calling 0845 300 3900 or by textphone 0845 300 3909.