



Child Benefit

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The weekly rates

At the April 2026 rates in this catalogue, Child Benefit is £27.05 a week for the eldest child and £17.90 a week for each other child. Confirm them on GOV.UK before you rely on a yearly total.

It is not means-tested. Only one person can get it for a child.

A high income does not bar the claim

If someone in the household earns over £60,000, a High Income Child Benefit Charge can take some or all of it back through tax. The claim can still be made. It protects National Insurance credits.

Scotland is extra, not instead

Scottish Child Payment is a separate claim for a child under 16 if a qualifying benefit is in payment. The 2025/26 rate in this catalogue was £27.15 a week per child. Confirm the current rate. It is paid as well as Child Benefit.

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