

Need help completing the form, or asking
for the decision to be changed?

Contact your local Advice Works office for assistance or
further information.

Paisley Advice Works
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Phone: 0141 887 7632

Johnstone Advice Works
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Johnstone, PA5 8AR
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Renfrew, PA4 8PQ
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ARE YOU HAVING A BABY?



You may be able to
claim
£500

Sure Start Maternity Grant

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You can claim from 11 weeks before the baby is due, up until 3 months after your baby is born.

Forms are available from your local Job Centre, antenatal clinic or by phoning 0141 847 4000. A section of the form will have to be completed by your GP or Midwife.

The £500 grant does not need to be paid back.

To be eligible BEFORE your baby is born, you or your partner have to be in receipt of

- Income Support *or*
- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance *or*
- Pension Credit *or*
- Child Tax Credit of more than the family element (currently £545 a year, or £1090 a year if you have a child under one) *or*
- Working Tax Credit which includes the disability or severe disability element.

Not eligible before the birth?

Many people are not eligible for the grant before the baby is born, but will be as soon as they qualify for Child Tax Credit after the birth.

You are only eligible if you apply within 3 months of your baby being born, so **do not wait for Child Tax Credit to be awarded**, in case you miss this deadline.

- Apply for Child Benefit, Child Tax Credit and Sure Start Maternity Grant, when your baby is born.
- If Child Tax Credit has not been awarded yet, your claim will be refused—you will be told that you are not in receipt of a qualifying benefit. **Keep this decision letter in a safe place.**
- When Child Tax Credit is awarded (if more than the family element - currently £545 a year, or £1090 a year if you have a child under one), phone up the number on the decision letter to let them know that your circumstances have changed. The decision on your award can then be revised and the grant awarded.