

Dear Colleagues,

Scottish Child Payment

Scottish Child Payment is a new benefit being introduced by the Scottish Government to tackle child poverty. It is for low income families already in receipt of qualifying benefits. To start with, Scottish Child Payment will be available to families with children under six years of age only. We remain committed to rolling out this benefit to families with children under 16 years of age by the end of 2022.

Scottish Child Payment will open for applications in November 2020, with first payments being made from the end of February 2021. Low-income families with a child under six will be able to apply for £10 per child, per week - equivalent to £520 per year. There are no limits on the number of eligible children supported by Scottish Child Payment.

We will be running a series of virtual roadshow events throughout October 2020, and would like to invite you to join these. You can sign up to one of the events by following the links below.

Our roadshows are aimed at people who work with and support families who may be entitled to claim Scottish Child Payment. We will provide you with information about the eligibility criteria and how clients can apply for the Scottish Child Payment. You will have opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

How to book

Our virtual roadshow events are free. You will need to book a ticket through Eventbrite. Tickets will be available on a first come first served basis.

Once you have decided which virtual roadshow you would like to attend, please click on the relevant link below for the relevant event information and joining details.

Tuesday 6th October 2020; 10:30am – 12:00pm, please book here
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-child-payment-teleconference-tickets-121350040237>

Wednesday 7th October 2020; 10:30am – 12:00pm, please book here
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-child-payment-teleconference-tickets-121353386245>

Thursday 8th October 2020; 13:30pm – 15:00pm, please book here
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-child-payment-teleconference-tickets-121353747325>

Friday 9th October 2020; 10:30am – 12:00pm, please book here
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-child-payment-teleconference-tickets-121357865643>

Monday 12th October; 13:30pm – 15:00pm, please book here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-child-payment-teleconference-tickets-121358327023>

Wednesday 14th October; 10:30am – 12:00pm, please book here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-child-payment-teleconference-tickets-121358569749>

Wednesday 14th October; 13:30pm – 15:00pm, please book here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-child-payment-teleconference-tickets-121359961913>

Thursday 15th October; 10:30am – 12:00pm, please book here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scottish-child-payment-teleconference-tickets-121360411257>

Communication support

Social Security Scotland recognises that people communicate and engage in lots of different ways.

Information

Copies of the presentations for each event will be sent out electronically in advance. If you would prefer a hard copy, please let us know and we will send these on to you. If you need these in an alternative format such as Braille or Easy Read please let us know.

Support at the event

If you require communication support at the event selected such as a palantypist, electronic note taker or British Sign Language interpreter, please contact our National Engagement team at NationalEngagementandPartnershipTeam@socialsecurity.gov.scot as soon as possible so that we can try and arrange this support.

We will do everything we can to have communication support in place, but unfortunately we cannot guarantee this if your requirements are not submitted to us.

If you have any questions, please contact the Team as soon as possible, by emailing NationalEngagementandPartnershipTeam@socialsecurity.gov.scot

Kind regards,

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