



New parental benefits will be introduced on the 1st January 2017

You can claim parental benefits if you are having, or adopting a child. These benefits will be available in 2017

If your baby is due or born in 2017 you may be entitled.

If you adopt a child in 2017 you may be entitled.

If you are expecting a baby and have not heard from us by the 26th week of your pregnancy please contact us.

If you haven't heard from us by the time your child is placed with you for adoption please contact us.

Maternity Grant

Paid as a lump sum to the birth mother only.

Maternal Health Allowance

A weekly payment to the birth mother which can be claimed from the start of the 29th week of her pregnancy, if she is not working.

Newborn Care Allowance

A weekly payment to whichever parent is caring for the child while not working. This allowance can be transferred between parents.

Adoption Grant

Paid as a lump sum to either adoptive parent.

Parental Allowance

A weekly payment to whichever adoptive parent is caring for the child while not working. This allowance can be transferred between parents.

