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Dear

## **Future changes to family allowance – action needed**

Last year, the States approved changes to family allowance in order to fund certain health and education related subsidies for children. This letter is to make you aware of the changes being made and to ask you to complete the income declaration overleaf to confirm that you are still eligible to receive family allowance next year.

### **What's changing?**

There are two main changes which will take effect from 3 January 2022: -

1. Family allowance will only be paid to people with an annual gross household income below £120,000. This household income limit includes the income of the person receiving family allowance and their spouse or any partner they are living with;
2. Family allowance will only be paid for each child, up to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, provided they are still in full-time education at that point.

### **Why are these changes being made?**

These changes will generate savings which will allow the States to subsidise medical consultations for children. So, you will pay less for your child to access primary and emergency care (£25 for a GP or Emergency Department consultation and £15 for a nurse).

The redistribution of family allowance will also mean that all children can receive free annual dental check-ups and dental health education in schools; along with extended cultural development opportunities for pupils attending States primary schools.

### **When are the changes being made?**

The changes will take effect from 3 January 2022. Family allowance will continue to be paid based on the current rules until then.

### **What do I need to do?**

For family allowance to continue after 3 January 2022, you will need to confirm that your annual household income in 2022 is, or is expected to be, under £120,000.

Please complete and return the declaration overleaf **by 31 October 2021**.

## In what circumstances will family allowance stop?

Family allowance will only stop if: -

- the declaration is not returned
- your gross household income is, or is expected to be, above the income limit
- you are only claiming for one child who is already aged 18 or over

As family allowance is paid weekly in advance, the final payment will be made on 24 December 2021. Family allowance contribution credits will also stop if your claim closes. If you are non-employed and exempt from paying contributions you may be impacted by this. You can choose to pay voluntary contributions to protect your contribution record for pension purposes. Should you wish to pay voluntary contributions please email **contributionsassessments@gov.gg**

If you need further information or have any questions, please visit [gov.gg/familyallowance](http://gov.gg/familyallowance) email **pensionsallowances@gov.gg** or call 222506.

Yours sincerely

**Ed Ashton**  
Administrator

### Claim for family allowance from 3 January 2022

**Declaration** – Please sign and return this declaration by **31 October 2021**.

Completed declarations can be returned to: -Edward T. Wheadon House, Le Truchot, St Peter Port, GY1 3WH, or can be scanned and emailed to **pensionsallowances@gov.gg**

Please note: If you are still entitled to family allowance after 3 January 2022 and this declaration is not returned on time, you may lose benefit.

**Please tick one box**

- I will continue to claim family allowance after 3 January 2022 in respect of the child or children I am responsible for. In making this claim, I declare that my annual gross household income, comprised of my income and that of my spouse or any other person with whom I am living (as if married), will be, or is expected to be, under £120,000 in 2022.

The information I have given is true and complete. I know that I am responsible for informing Social Security if my annual gross household income exceeds, or is expected to exceed, the annual income limit of £120,000 in any calendar year.

- I will not continue to claim family allowance after 3 January 2022.

**Warning:** To give false information is an offence and may result in prosecution.

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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