

Best Start Grant School Age Payment



The Best Start Grant is for parents and carers. It is made up of 3 payments to help when a child is young.



The School Age Payment is £250 when a child is starting in Primary 1. It is to help with the costs of starting school.



You can apply for this payment if you live in Scotland. You can apply if you are in work or not. You can apply if you are the parent or carer of the child and you get certain benefits or tax credits:



- Universal Credit (UC)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Child Tax Credit (CTC)
- Working Tax Credit



You can check if you are entitled to any of these benefits.

Telephone the Money Talk Team on 0800 085 7145. It is free to call. Your call is also confidential.



If you are under 18 you can apply without being on any of the benefits already mentioned.

If you are 18 or 19 and you are still at school, college or in training you might be able to apply:



- If your parent or carer is claiming one of these benefits for you
- Child Benefit
- Pension Credit
- Universal Credit



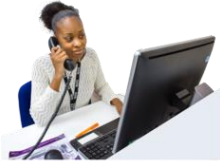
If you are able to apply you can get a payment for every child in the family.



Apply for the School Age Payment from the **1st June 2020 until February 2021.**



If your child was born between **1 March 2015 and 29 Feb 2016** you can apply for the payment.



Apply on our freephone helpline

0800 182 2222

You can also apply by post or online at mygov.scot/best-start-grant.



Even if your child is not going to school in August you should still apply.



Apply between 1 June 2020 to 28 February 2021. If you apply after this it will be too late
You will miss out on your payment.



It will take 14 – 21 days to get your payment.



If we need more information from you it could take longer to get a payment. We will write to you if we need more information.

Most people will not need to send us anything to prove they can apply.



If you are married, in a civil partnership or live together as if you are married you will need your partners' information.



You will be paid into your bank account. You will not need to pay money back. You do not need to keep receipts You can use the money for anything you want including:



- School bags
- Warm coats
- Shoes
- Books
- After school clubs
- Days out



The School Age Payment will not affect any other benefits or tax credits.



If you need this information in other languages or formats call:
0800 182 2222