



Budget 2020-21

This information is accurate as at 6 October 2020.

Supporting families impacted by stillbirth

This measure will change the assistance for families who experience a child bereavement from 1 January 2021. It will increase the assistance and make it the same for families who experience either of the following:

- their child is stillborn
- their child dies before their first birthday.

Currently, the amount of Stillborn Baby Payment families get depends on if it's their first or subsequent stillborn child. From 1 January 2021, Stillborn Baby Payment will be a single rate of \$3,606.81 for stillborn children delivered on or after 1 January 2021. This is regardless of whether this is the first stillborn child or not. Families will get this payment as a lump sum when their Stillborn Baby Payment claim is finalised.

From 1 January 2021, families will get a top-up amount of Newborn Supplement of up to \$1,139.32. This is if their child dies before their first birthday and they got the lower rate of Newborn Supplement. The top-up is the difference between the high and the low rate of Newborn Supplement. It will be paid as part of the families' Family Tax Benefit Bereavement Payment. Once we're told the child has died, we'll automatically calculate the top-up amount of Newborn Supplement.

This change is subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects families who get:

- Stillborn Baby Payment
- Newborn Supplement paid with Family Tax Benefit Part A.

When will this start and finish?

This starts from 1 January 2021 and is ongoing.