

# Family Tax Benefit

Family Tax Benefit o se totogi e 2 vaega e fesoasoani atu aua mea tau tupe mo le tausiga o fanau.

Family Tax Benefit Part A e totogi mo le tamaititi ta'ito'atasi. O le aofa'iga e te mauaina e fuafua i luga o tupe maua a le aiga fa'apea ma tulaga eseese.

Afai e alu atu se tamaititi i lalo o lau tausiga ae le'i atoa le 1 tausaga, pe e te vaetamaina se tamaititi e so'o se tausaga lona matua, e mafai ona e mauaina se si'itaga le tumau i lau Family Tax Benefit Part A. E ta'ua lea o le Newborn Upfront Payment and Newborn Supplement.

Family Tax Benefit Part B e tu'uina atu se fesoasoani fa'aopoopo i matua nofo to'atasi, tagata tausi e le'o ni matua (pei o matua o matua, tagata tausi ma tausi aiga) ma ulugali'i e 1 le tagata o lo'o galue ma maua totogi. O le aofaiga o tupe maua e fuafua i luga o tupe maua o le aiga ma le matua o lou ui'i po'o lau tama la'ititi.

Afai e vaevaeina le tausiga o le tamaititi, atonu e mafai ona e mauaina siga vaega o le Family Tax Benefit. E tatau ona e tausia le tamaititi ae le itiitia ma le 35% o taimi.

## Agava'a

### Family Tax Benefit Part A

Atonu e te agava'a mo le Family Tax Benefit Part A pe afai o e tausia se tamaititi tausi e:

- i lalo ifo o le 15 tausaga le matua, po'o
- 16 i le 19 tausaga le matua, ma
  - o lo'o faia a'oa'oga tumau i se a'oa'oga fa'amaonia e aga'i atu i se fa'ailoga tausaga 12 po'o seisi fa'ailoga tutusa o lo'o tai tutusa le a'oa'oga, po'o
  - ua tu'uina atu se tu'usaunoaga mai mana'oga mo su'esu'ega; ma
  - e le'o mauaina se tupe maua i totogi lagolago i latou lava aia tatau.

Afai e te agava'a mo Family Tax Benefit Part A mo se tamaititi fa'alagolago e 16 i le 19 tausaga le matua, e mafai ona maua le totogi se'ia o'o i le fa'ai'uga o le tausaga fa'alekalena e atoa ai le 19 tausaga, pe afai e fa'aauau le tulaga o a'oa'oga i a'oga maualuga po'o le tu'usaunoaina mai a'oa'oga o lo'o mana'omia.

### Family Tax Benefit Part B

Afai o oe o se tasi o vaega o se ulugali'i, atonu e te agava'a mo le Family Tax Benefit Part B pe afai o lo'o e tausia se tamaititi fa'amoemoeina e laititi ma le 13 tausaga le matua.

Afai o oe o se matua nofo to'atasi po'o se tagata tausi, matua o matua po'o se matua o matua matua tausi, atonu e te agava'a mo le Family Tax Benefit Part B pe afai e te tausia se tamaititi o lo'o:

- lalo ifo ma le 16 tausaga le matua, po'o

- se tamaititi aoga maualuga tumau pe tu'usaunoaina mai mea e mana'omia mo su'esu'ega, seia o'o i le fa'aiuga o le tausaga fa'alekalena lea e atoa ai le 18 tausaga, ma
- e le o mauaina se tupe totogi lagolago i a latou lava aia tatau.

I le tele o tulaga o le a'oa'oina i le fale mo tamaiti e 16 i le 19 tausaga le matutua e le'o ausia mana'oga mo su'esu'ega mo le Family Tax Benefit.

### **Manaoga mo Tui Puipui**

Afai e le ausia e lau tama le tui puipui o lo'o mana'omia, e mafai ona matou fa'aititia le fua fa'atatau o le Family Tax Benefit Part A.

Aga'i i le [servicesaustralia.gov.au/immunisation](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/immunisation) mo nisi o fa'amatalaga.

### **Afai o lo'o e mauaina le Family Tax Benefit Part A ma se totogi lagolago o tupe maua**

Afai ua savali le 4 tausaga o lou alo, atonu e mana'omia ona fai se siaki o lona soifua maloloina. Afai latou te le faia, e mafai ona fa'aititia lau Family Tax Benefit Part A. E tatau ona e ta'ua mai ua fai le siaki a lou alo ae le'l atoa le 5th tausaga o le tamaititi. Afai e le ta'ua mai, po'o le le faia o le siaki o le soifua maloloina a lou alo, e mafai ona fa'aititia lau Family Tax Benefit Part A.

Ole fa'aitiitiga ole tupe maua ole a amata ile atoaga o le latou aso fanau lona 5th ma fa'aauau mo le 26 ta'i lua vaiaso. E fa'atatau lea i le umi na e mauaina o le Family Tax Benefit Part A, ma le mauaina e oe po'o lau pa'aga se totogi lagolago o tupe maua.

### **Manaoga mo le nofomau**

Mo le agava'a o le Family Tax Benefit Part A ma le Part B, e tatau ona e ausia manaoga mo le nofomau.

E tatau ona e nofo i Ausetalia ma a le o lea:

- maua sitiseni Ausetalia
- umia se visa tumau
- umia se Special Category Visa, po'o le
- umia o se ituaiga visa le tumau, mo se fa'ata'ita'iga o se visa Partner Provisional po'o le Temporary Protection.

E tatau fo'i i lau alo ona fa'amalieina mea e mana'omia mo le nofomau pe nofo fa'atasi ma oe ma e tatau ona e fa'aauau pea ona fa'amalieina mana'oga nofomau i le umi e te mauaina ai lenei totogi.

Afai e tu'uina atu lou visa tumau ile po'o le uma atu o le aso 1 January 2019, e tatau ona e nofo ma nofo fa'aletino (po'o le iai) i totonu o Ausetalia mo se vaitaimi po'o ni vaitaimi a tu'u fa'atasi e le itiiti ifo ma le 1 le tausaga fa'atoa e mauaina lea o le Family Tax Benefit Part A.

Atonu e te le tau tautuaina se Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period pe a fa'atatau se tasi o mea nei, o oe:

- ose sitiseni Ausetalia
- taunu'u mai i luga o se tusifolau Niu Sila (o lona uiga, sa umia pe o lo'o umia se Special Category Visa)
- o se tagata sulufa'i po o se tagata sa sulufa'i muamua
- umia pe sa umia muamua se vaega o visa fa'apitoa
- o le paaga a se tagata sulufa'i, sa avea muamua ma tagata sulufa'i po'o se fesoasoani agaalofa, ma sa avea ma paaga a lena tagata i le taimi na latou taunu'u ai i Ausetalia
- o lo'o maua se benefiti o agafeso'ota'i, penisione o agafeso'ota'i, Parental Leave Pay, Dad and Partner Pay po'o le Farm Household Allowance
- na tu'uina atu se visa fa'atagaina le agava'a mo Family Tax Benefit a'o le'i o'o i le aso 1 January 2019.

Afai e te agava'a mo le Family Tax Benefit Part B, e mafai ona e mauaina a'o e tautuaina le Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period mo le Family Tax Benefit Part A.

## **Child support ma le Family Tax Benefit**

Afai o lo'o e talosagaina le Family Tax Benefit mo se tamaititi mai se mafutaga talu ai, e tatau ona e faia se gaioiga talafeagai e maua ai le child support ina ia maua ai le sili atu nai lo le fua fa'atatau o Family Tax Benefit Part A.

Afai e le mafai ona e talosaga mo le child support, e tatau ona e fa'ailoa mai ia i matou. I nisi tulaga atonu e mana'omia lou talanoa i se tagata faigaluega lautele.

Afai e te mauaina le Family Tax Benefit ma e maua pe totogi e oe po'o lau paaga le child support, o le a matou iloiloina lau child support pe a matou fuafuaina lau Family Tax Benefit totogi. Afai e fefasaoaa'i le tausiga o lau tama, o le a matou fa'avasega lau pasene o le tausiga ma fa'aoga lea e fuafua ai pe fia le Family Tax Benefit ma le child support e te agava'a iai.

## **Talosaga**

E mafai ona e filifili e maua le Family Tax Benefit i le ta'ilua o vaiaso, po'o se tupe atoa fa'aletausaga. O le auala pito sili ona faigofie e fai ai o i luga ole upega tafa'ilagi.

Mo le auala e fai iai i luga o le upega tafa'ilagi e te mana'omia le myGov account ma se Centrelink account i luga o upega tafa'ilagi. E tatau ona iai se so'otaga a lau myGov account ma le Centrelink.

Afai e leai sau myGov account, aga'i i le **my.gov.au** e fausia ai.

Talosagaina o le tupe fa'aletausaga e tatau ona tu'uina atu i totonu o le 12 masina o le fa'ai'uga o le tausaga fa'aletupe.

Afai e te filifili e maua le Family Tax Benefit i le ta'ilua o vaiaso, e tatau ona e fuaina tupe maua a lou aiga i le amataga o tausaga fa'aletupe taitasi. E mafai ona e fa'afouina lenei fa'atatau i so'o se taimi o le tausaga e fa'aoga ai lau Centrelink i luga o upega tafa'ilagi e ala ile myGov.

E mana'omia fo'i ona e:

- mautinoa e te tu'uina atu ma lau paaga fa'amatalaga lafoga i totonu ole 12 masina i le fa'ai'uga o le tausaga fa'aletupe. O le a fa'amaonia e le Australian Taxation Office le tupe maua mo oe ma lau paaga, po'o le
- ta'u mai pe afai e le mana'omia ona fa'auluina o lau lafoga i totonu ole 12 masina o le fa'ai'uga o le tausaga fa'aletupe.

## Fa'apaleni o lou Family Tax Benefit

A maua le Family Tax Benefit i le ta'ilua o vaiaso, matou te talosagaina oe e fuafua tupe maua a lou aiga mo tausaga fa'aletupe ta'itasi, lea e amata i le 1 July, ina ia mafai ai ona matou fuafuaina pe fia le Family Tax Benefit e totogi atu ia te oe i le tausaga fa'aletupe.

A o'o i le fa'ai'uga o tausaga fa'aletupe ta'itasi, e mae'a i le 30 June, matou te fa'apaleni lau tupe totogi. O lona uiga matou te fa'atusaina le aofa'i o Family Tax Benefit na matou totogiina atu ia te oe e fa'atatau i lau tupe sa fa'ailoa mai, i le aofa'i sa tatau ona e maua e fua i tupe maua moni a lou aiga mo lena tausaga fa'aletupe.

Afai e le tutusa le aofa'i o Family Tax Benefit sa e mauaina ma le aofa'i e tatau ona e mauaina, matou te fa'ailoa atu ia te oe.

Afai e ova lau tupe maua na sa e ta'ua mai, atonu e laititi le Family Tax Benefit sa e mauaina nai lo le mea o lo'o e agava'a ai. Afai e tupu lenei mea, e mafai ona e mauaina se totogi fa'aopoopo. Afai e laititi le tupe maua sa e ta'ua mai nai lo le tupe maua, atonu e tele naua lou totogi sa mauaina ma e mana'omia ona toe totogi mai.

O le a matou siakiina lou agava'a mo le Family Tax Benefit Part A ma le Family Tax Benefit Part B fa'aopoopo i le fa'agasologa o le fa'apalenii. Afai e te agava'a, o le a otometi le totogiina o tupe ia te oe.

## Mo nisi faamatalaga

- Aga'i i le **[servicesaustralia.gov.au/ftb](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/ftb)** mo nisi fa'amatalaga i le Fa'aPeretania
- Aga'i i le **[servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage)** e mafai ona e faitau, fa'alogi iai pe matamata i fa'amatalaga i lau gagana
- Vala'au le **131 202** e te talanoa mai ia i matou i lau gagana e fa'atatau i totogi ma auuanaga a le Centrelink
- Valaau i le **132 011** mo le Medicare ma le **131 272** mo le Child Support (Tausiga o Tamaiti). Fa'ailoa mai pe afai e mana'omia se fa'aliliupu ona matou taumafai e fa'aavanoa se tasi fai fua
- Asiasi i se nofoaga mo auuanaga.

Fa'aaliga: o telefoni mai lou fale i le numera '13' mai so'o se nofoaga o Ausetalia e totogi i se tau ua fa'atulagaina. O lēna tau e ono suia mai le tau o telefoni fa'alotoifale ma e ono mafai fo'i ona ese'ese i le va o tautua tau telefoni. O telefoni i le numera '1800' mai lau telefoni fale e lē totogia. O telefoni mai tagata lautele po'o telefoni feavea'i e ono tāimia ma totogi i sē tau maualuga atu.

### **Disclaimer (Lē mafai ona talosaga ia toe totogi)**

O fa'amatalaga i totonu o lenei lomiga ua fuafuaina na'o se ta'iala mo totogi ma auaunaga. O lau matāfaioi, o le filifili lea pe e te mana'o e te talosaga mo sē totogi ma faia sau talosaga, e tusa ai ma lou tulaga fa'apitoa.



# Family Tax Benefit

Family Tax Benefit is a 2 part payment that helps with the cost of raising children.

Family Tax Benefit Part A is paid for each child. The amount you get depends on your family's income and circumstances.

If a child enters your care before they turn 1, or you adopt a child of any age, you may get a temporary increase to your Family Tax Benefit Part A. This is called Newborn Upfront Payment and Newborn Supplement.

Family Tax Benefit Part B gives extra help to single parents, non-parent carers (such as grandparents, foster and kinship carers) and couples with 1 main income earner. The amount you get will depend on your family income and the age of your youngest child.

If you share the care of a child, you may be able to get some Family Tax Benefit. You need to have care of the child for at least 35% of the time.

## Eligibility

### Family Tax Benefit Part A

You may be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A if you care for a dependent child who is:

- younger than 15 years of age, or
- 16 to 19 years of age, and
  - undertaking full-time education in an approved course leading towards a year 12 or equivalent qualification with an acceptable study load, or
  - has been granted an exemption from study requirements; and
  - is not receiving an income support payment in their own right.

If you are eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A for a dependent child aged 16 to 19 years of age, it can be paid until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 19 years of age, if they continue in full-time secondary study or are exempt from the study requirements.

### Family Tax Benefit Part B

If you are a member of a couple, you may be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part B if you have care of a dependent child younger than 13 years of age.

If you are a single parent or carer, grandparent or great-grandparent carer, you may be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part B if you care for a child who is:

- younger than 16 years of age, or
- a full-time secondary student or exempt from the study requirements, up until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 18 years of age, and
- not receiving an income support payment in their own right.

In most cases home schooling for children 16 to 19 years of age does not meet study requirements for Family Tax Benefit.

## Immunisation requirements

If your child does not meet the immunisation requirements, we may reduce your rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A.

Go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/immunisation](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/immunisation) for more information.

## If you are receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A and an income support payment

If your child is turning 4, they may need to have a health check. If they do not, your Family Tax Benefit Part A rate may reduce. You need to tell us your child has had a health check before the child's 5th birthday. If you do not tell us, or if your child does not have a health check, your Family Tax Benefit Part A payment rate may reduce.

The reduced rate will start on their 5th birthday and continue for up to 26 fortnights. This is based on how long you got Family Tax Benefit Part A, and you or your partner got an income support payment.

## Residence requirements

To be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A and Part B, you must meet residence requirements.

You must be living in Australia and either:

- have Australian citizenship
- hold a permanent visa
- hold a Special Category Visa, or
- hold a certain temporary visa type, for example a Partner Provisional or Temporary Protection visa.

Your child must also meet the residence requirements or be living with you and you must continue to meet the residence requirements for as long as you get this payment.

If your permanent visa is granted on or after 1 January 2019, you must be living and physically residing in Australia for a period or periods that total at least 1 year before you can get Family Tax Benefit Part A.

You may not have to serve a Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period if one of the following applies, you:

- are an Australian citizen
- arrived on a New Zealand passport (i.e, held or hold a Special Category Visa)
- are a refugee or former refugee
- hold or previously held a specific visa subclass

- are the partner of a refugee, former refugee or humanitarian migrant, and were the partner of that person at the time they arrived in Australia
- are in receipt of a social security benefit, social security pension, Parental Leave Pay, Dad and Partner Pay or Farm Household Allowance
- were granted a visa allowing eligibility for Family Tax Benefit before 1 January 2019.

If you are eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part B, you can get this while you are serving the Newly Arrived Resident's Waiting Period for Family Tax Benefit Part A.

## **Child support and Family Tax Benefit**

If you are claiming Family Tax Benefit for a child from a previous relationship, you must take reasonable action to get child support in order to receive more than the base rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A.

If you are not able to apply for child support, you should let us know. In some cases you may need to speak to a social worker.

If you get Family Tax Benefit and you or your partner get or pay child support, we will consider your child support when we calculate your Family Tax Benefit payment. If you share the care of your child, we will work out your percentage of care and use this to calculate how much Family Tax Benefit and child support you are eligible for.

## **Claiming**

You can choose to get Family Tax Benefit fortnightly, or as an annual lump sum. The easiest way to claim is online.

To make a claim online you need a myGov account and a Centrelink online account. Your myGov account must be linked to Centrelink.

If you do not have a myGov account, go to [my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au) to create one.

Annual lump sum claims must be submitted within 12 months of the end of the financial year.

If you choose to get Family Tax Benefit fortnightly, you need to estimate your family income at the start of each financial year. You can update this estimate any time during the year using your Centrelink online account through myGov.

You also need to:

- make sure you and your partner lodge tax returns within 12 months of the end of the financial year. The Australian Taxation Office will then confirm the income for you and your partner, or
- tell us if you are not required to lodge a tax return within 12 months of the end of the financial year.

## Balancing your Family Tax Benefit

When you get Family Tax Benefit fortnightly, we ask you to estimate your family income for each financial year, which begins on 1 July, so we can work out how much Family Tax Benefit to pay you over the financial year.

After the end of each financial year, which finishes on 30 June, we balance your payment. This means we compare the amount of Family Tax Benefit we paid you based on your estimate, against how much you should have received based on your actual family income for that financial year.

If the amount of Family Tax Benefit you got is not the same as the amount you should have received, we will let you know.

If you overestimated your income, you may have received less Family Tax Benefit than you were eligible for. If this happens, you may receive a top-up payment. If you underestimated your income, you may have been paid too much and may need to pay it back.

We will check your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit Part A and Family Tax Benefit Part B supplements during the balancing process. If you are eligible, we will pay it to you automatically.

## For more information

- Go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/ftb](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/ftb) for more information in English
- Go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage) where you can read, listen to or watch information in your language
- Call **131 202** to speak with us in your language about Centrelink payments and services
- Call **132 011** for Medicare and **131 272** for Child Support. Let us know if you need an interpreter, and we will arrange one for free
- Visit a service centre.

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## Disclaimer

The information contained in this publication is intended only as a guide to payments and services. It's your responsibility to decide if you wish to apply for a payment and to make an application with regard to your particular circumstances.