



## Jinsi msaada wa watoto unavyoathiri Family Tax Benefit yako

Kama unapata Family Tax Benefit huna uhusiano na mzazi mwingine wa mtoto wako, unaweza kuhitaji kutuma maombi ya usaidizi wa mtoto.

### Msaada wa watoto ni nini

Malezi ya mtoto ni pesa ambazo mzazi hulipa kwa mzazi mwingine ili kusaidia gharama za kumtunza mtoto wake.

Wazazi wote wawili wanawajibika kwa gharama za kulea mtoto hata kama hawana uhusiano au mmoja wa wazazi anaishi ng'ambo.

Unapotuma maombi ya usaidizi wa mtoto, tutakuambia wewe na mzazi mwingine ambaye anahitaji kulipa karo ya mtoto na kiasi gani cha kulipa.

Services Australia pia inaweza kukukusanyia pesa hizi.

## Jinsi msaada wa watoto unavyoweza kuathiri Family Tax Benefit yako

Malipo ya msaada wa watoto na Family Tax Benefit Part A vimeunganishwa.

Kiasi cha msaada wa mtoto unachopata kinaweza kuathiri Family Tax Benefit Part A yako.

Ikiwa una mtoto kutoka kwa uhusiano uliopita na upate Family Tax Benefit, una muda uliowekwa wa kuomba msaada wa mtoto.

Baada ya muda huu, ikiwa hujatuma ombi la usaidizi wa watoto au umewasiliana nasi ili kuzungumza kuhusu chaguo zako, unaweza kupata Family Tax Benefit kidogo mpaka uombe.

Ikiwa kuna sababu ambazo huwezi kutuma ombi la usaidizi wa watoto, unahitaji kutujulisha.

### Jinsi ya kuomba msaada wa watoto

Ili kutuma maombi ya usaidizi wa watoto, utahitaji kupiga mfanyakazi wa Services Australia Child Support kwa **131 272**.

Ili kukubali ombi lako, tunahitaji kuangalia wazazi waliomzaa mtoto ni akina nani. Tunaweza kukuuliza ujibu baadhi ya maswali au utupe karatasi. Kwa kawaida tunahitaji kuzungumza na mzazi mwingine pia.

### Kama huwezi kuomba msaada wa watoto

Unaweza kutufahamisha ikiwa kuna sababu ambazo huwezi kutuma ombi la usaidizi wa mtoto kutoka kwa mzazi mwingine wa mtoto wako. Hizi zinaweza kuwa:

- sababu za kitamaduni
- unyanyasaji wa familia na nyumbani
- ikiwa kudai usaidizi wa mtoto kunakufanya uhisi huna usalama
- sababu nyingine ambazo ni nyeti.

Utahitaji kuzungumza na mmoja wa wafanyikazi wetu wa kijamii na kumwambia kwa nini huwezi kutuma ombi la usaidizi wa watoto.

Kisha tunaweza kukupa msamaha, kwa hivyo huhitaji kuomba usaidizi wa mtoto kutoka kwa mzazi mwingine.

## Kwa habari zaidi

- Piga **131 202** kuzungumza nasi kwa lugha yako kuhusu Family Tax Benefit na kama huwezi kuomba msaada wa mtoto.
- Tembelea vituo vya huduma vya Services Australia vya eneo lako.
- Nenda kwa **[servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage)** ambapo unaweza kusoma, kusikiliza au kutazama taarifa katika lugha yako.

## Kanusho

Taarifa iliyo katika chapisho hili inakusudiwa tu kama mwongozo wa malipo na huduma. Ni wajibu wako kuamua kama ungependa kutuma maombi ya malipo na kutuma maombi kuhusiana na hali yako husika.



## How child support affects your Family Tax Benefit

If you get Family Tax Benefit and you are not in a relationship with the other parent of your child, you might need to apply for child support.

### What is child support

Child support is money a parent pays to the other parent to help with the costs of looking after their child.

Both parents are responsible for the costs of bringing up a child even if they are not in a relationship or one of the parents lives overseas.

When you apply for child support, we will tell you and the other parent who needs to pay child support and how much to pay.

Services Australia can also collect this money for you.

### How child support can affect your Family Tax Benefit

Child support payments and Family Tax Benefit Part A are linked.

The amount of child support you get can affect your Family Tax Benefit Part A.

If you have a child from a previous relationship and get Family Tax Benefit, you have a set time to apply for child support.

After this time, if you have not applied for child support or contacted us to talk about your options, you may get less Family Tax Benefit until you apply.

If there are reasons you cannot apply for child support, you need to let us know.

### How to apply for child support

To apply for child support, you will need to call our Services Australia Child Support staff on **131 272**.

To accept your application, we need to check who the birth parents of the child are. We may ask you to answer some questions or give us some paperwork. We usually need to talk to the other parent too.

### If you cannot apply for child support

You can let us know if there are reasons you cannot apply for child support from the other parent of your child. These can be:

- cultural reasons
- family and domestic violence
- if claiming child support makes you feel unsafe
- other reasons that are sensitive.

You will need to talk to one of our social workers and tell them why you cannot apply for child support.

We can then give you an exemption, so you do not need to ask for child support from the other parent.

## For more information

- Call **131 202** to speak with us in your language about Family Tax Benefit and if you cannot apply for child support.
- Visit your local Services Australia service centre.
- Go to **[servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage)** where you can read, listen to or watch information in your language.

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