



Support from Services Australia when you are having a baby

If you are a new parent taking time off work, you may be eligible for financial support.

Services Australia offers Parental Leave Pay to help you if you are the primary carer of a newborn or recently adopted child.

You can get it for up to 18 weeks. If you are eligible, the payment is made up of a 12 week continuous period and 30 flexible days.

You can choose when to use the flexible days. You can get Parental Leave Pay at the same time as paid or unpaid leave.

Services Australia also has Dad and Partner Pay, a payment for up to 2 weeks. It helps fathers or partners to take time off work to care for a new child.

You can start your claim for either payment up to 3 months before your child's birth or adoption. There are rules about when you must claim to get the full amount.

For more information go to servicessaustralia.gov.au/havingababy

Call **131 202** to speak with us in your language about Centrelink payments and services.