



# SPECIFIC SUPPORT FOR PREGNANCY AND MATERNITY

## BEST START GRANT PREGNANCY & BABY PAYMENT AND BEST START FOODS

Parents and carers may be able to get these grants if all of the following apply:

- they live in Scotland
- they or their partner are getting certain benefits or tax credits
- they or their partner are pregnant, or are the main person looking after a baby or child who's the right age for a payment

**Best Start Grant** is made up of 3 one-off payments, the first payment is the **Pregnancy and Baby Payment** of **£642.35** for your first child and **£321.20** for any subsequent children.

**Best Start Foods** is a prepaid card that can help parents and carers buy healthy foods like milk or fruit.

For more information on Best Start Grants and Best Start Foods or to apply please visit [www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods](http://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods)

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## STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY (BASE LEVEL)

Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) is paid for up to 39 weeks and consists of the following:

- 90% of their average weekly earnings (before tax) for the first 6 weeks
- £156.66 or 90% of their average weekly earnings (whichever is lower) for the next 33 weeks

For more information, please visit [www.gov.uk/maternity-pay-leave/pay](http://www.gov.uk/maternity-pay-leave/pay).

## MATERNITY ALLOWANCE

A pregnant person or carer is eligible for this allowance if they:

- are employed but cannot get Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP)
- are self-employed
- have recently stopped working
- take part in unpaid work for the business of your spouse or civil partner

To make a claim you need to complete the Maternity Allowance Claim form by visiting [www.gov.uk/government/publications/maternity-allowance-claim-form](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/maternity-allowance-claim-form).

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## EMERGENCY MATERNITY GRANT

A pregnant women/person or carer is eligible for this grant if:

- they are experiencing any immediate or emergency need relating to attending a Maternity clinic appointment within a NHSGGC Hospital site (i.e. travel costs, food, clothing etc.)
- experiencing money difficulties

To arrange a referral a staff member should contact Support & Information Service on **0141 532 7378** or email: [sis@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:sis@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

If they are closed, please call **0141 452 4012** and leave a message, someone will get back to you.

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All pregnancy, maternity and early years staff resources can be found in a helpful webpage, please visit [www.engagerenfrewshire.org/resources](http://www.engagerenfrewshire.org/resources) or scan the QR code below:

