Children’s Allowance – Household Annual Income less than €24,924

Overview

Children’s Allowance is awarded to married couples; civil union couples; cohabiting couples; single parents; separated parents or returned migrants, having the care and custody of their children under 16 years of age and whose household income is less than €24,924.

What you’ll get

When a child is born, the beneficiary is automatically awarded Children’s Allowance based on the minimum rate. However, a beneficiary may apply for a higher rate of payment if the declared household income is less than € 24,924.

The payments for this allowance are issued every 13 weeks in advance.

Please click here for a Schedule of Benefit Rates.

You may make use of the online Calculator to calculate the potential Children’s Allowance.

Eligibility

- One of the parents should be a citizen of Malta or married to a Maltese citizen or in Civil Union with a Maltese citizen, or is a citizen of a European Union Member State, or a citizen of a member country of the European Social Charter, or has a refugee status and ordinarily resides in Malta or Gozo

- The applicant should be a resident of Malta at least 3 months before the date of application

- In the case of every child born, it is the duty of the father and the mother, and in default of both, of the physician, surgeon, midwife, or any other person in attendance at the birth, or in whose house the birth has taken place, to give, within fifteen days of such birth, notice thereof to the Public Registry. The person transmitting such notice, is to present his/her Identity Card, and any documentation provided to him/her by the hospital

- The applicant is bound to notify the Department of Social Security (not later than 6 months from occurrence) of any change in circumstances such as death, separation, marriage/co-habitation, change in custody, change of address, change in Bank Account number or termination/start of employment

- Following the initial award of Children’s Allowance, a yearly review is carried out by the Department of Social Security based on information received through the Commissioner for Revenue and Financial Institutions. The Children’s Allowance rate is based on the household income 2 years prior to the claim and / or revision of claim
How to apply

Fill in the online application and submit.

If applicant experiences any change of circumstance, Children's Allowance may not be awarded automatically by the Department of Social Security and an application together with the necessary supporting documentation must be completed by the claimant within 6 months as stipulated by the Social Security Act (Cap. 318.). The Children’s Allowance, or part of it, may be forfeited if the application is submitted late.

Children’s Allowance – Household Annual Income exceeds €24,924

Overview

Children’s Allowance is awarded to married couples; civil union couples; cohabiting couples; single parents; separated parents or returned migrants, having the care and custody of their children under 16 years of age and whose household income exceeds €24,924.

What you’ll get

When a child is born, the beneficiary is automatically awarded Children’s Allowance based on the minimum rate.

The payments for this allowance are issued every 13 weeks in advance.

Please click here for a Schedule of Benefit Rates.

You may make use of the online Calculator to calculate the potential Children’s Allowance.

Eligibility

- One of the parents should be a citizen of Malta or married to a Maltese citizen, or in Civil Union with a Maltese citizen or is a citizen of a European Union Member State, or a citizen of a member country of the European Social Charter, or has a refugee status and ordinarily resides in Malta or Gozo

- The applicant should be a resident of Malta at least 3 months before the date of application

- In the case of every child born, it is the duty of the father and the mother, and in default of both, of the physician, surgeon, midwife, or any other person in attendance at the birth, or in whose house the birth has taken place, to give, within fifteen days of such birth, notice thereof to the Public Registry. The person transmitting such notice, is to present his/her Identity Card, and any documentation provided to him/her by the hospital.

- The applicant is bound to notify the Department of Social Security (not later than 6 months from occurrence) of any change in circumstances such as death, separation, marriage/cohabitation, change in custody, change of address, change in Bank Account number or termination/start of employment.
**How to apply**

Fill in the online application and submit.

If applicant experiences any change of circumstance, Children's Allowance may not be awarded automatically by the Department of Social Security and an application together with the necessary supporting documentation must be completed by the claimant within 6 months as stipulated by the Social Security Act (Cap. 318.). The Children's Allowance, or part of it, may be forfeited if the application is submitted late.