

# Can I apply for child-related benefits and credits?

You can apply for child benefits and credits if you are the primary caregiver of a child living with you. A primary caregiver can be the child's mother, father, grandparent, or another family member.



## Child in your care?

Apply for child benefits when your child is born, or a child starts to live with you. To apply for the Canada child benefit and to register your child or children for the GST/HST credit, go to My Account or complete Form RC66, Canada Child Benefits Application.



## Child no longer in your care?

Let the CRA know right away to avoid overpayments and requests to pay back some of your benefits. You can let us know through My Account or call **1-800-387-1193**. If you are calling from the 867 area code, call **1-866-426-1527**.



## Start sharing custody?

Shared custody exists when the child lives with you about half the time. If you start or end a shared custody situation for a child, let us know through My Account or by calling **1-800-387-1193**. If you are calling from the 867 area code, call **1-866-426-1527**.

## How much could you get each year?



**Canada child benefit** – Up to:  
**\$7,437\*** per child under 6  
**\$6,275\*** for each child 6-17



**GST/HST credit** – Up to:  
**\$821\*** for a single eligible individual with one child  
**\$992\*** for an eligible couple with two children



**Child disability benefit** –  
Up to **\$3,173\*** per child eligible for the disability tax credit

\*Amounts listed are valid until June 2024.



**Do your taxes by April 30 each year**, even if your income was tax-exempt or you had no income.



**Keep your personal information up to date, such as your:**

- marital status
- address
- banking details



## Got a benefits review letter from the CRA?

You may need to confirm that you are the primary caregiver for children in your care. Provide all the information requested so your benefits don't stop.

Don't have the documents or need extra time? Call the CRA at **1-800-387-1193**. If you are calling from the 867 area code, call **1-866-426-1527**.

## Need more information?

Go to [canada.ca/benefits-credits-info](https://canada.ca/benefits-credits-info)

