

# The Canada Child Benefit



Tammy and Brad will get

**\$18,200 per year**

Net Family Income: \$30,000  
2 children under 6 and 1 over 6

**How much money will your family get?**  
Check out our calculator:  
[canada.ca/canada-child-benefit](http://canada.ca/canada-child-benefit)



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## Introducing the Canada Child Benefit

The Government of Canada introduced the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) to replace previous child benefits, including the Universal Child Care Benefit, the Canada Child Tax Benefit and the National Child Benefit Supplement. The CCB is a tax-free monthly payment for eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under 18 years of age.

Although the Canada Child Tax Benefit and the Universal Child Care Benefit are no longer being issued, you can still request an adjustment for previous years, if you were eligible.

The CCB is:

- **simpler** – most families will receive a single payment every month
- **tax-free** – families will not have to pay taxes on payments received when they file their tax returns
- **better targeted to those who need it most** – low- and middle-income families will get higher payments, and those with the highest incomes (generally over \$150,000) will receive less than under the previous system
- **much more generous** – families benefiting will see an average increase of almost \$2,300 in the 2016–17 benefit year

## How much will you get?

There are two main factors that determine how much you will get:

- the number of children in your care and their ages
- your adjusted family net income

You can get annual payments of up to:

- \$6,400 for each child under the age of 6
- \$5,400 for each child aged 6 through 17

Families with less than \$30,000 in net income will get the maximum benefit. As your income increases over \$30,000, the payment will be reduced until it reaches zero.

## **Are you eligible?**

To be eligible for the CCB, you must be the primary person responsible for the care and upbringing of the child. Go to [Canada child benefit – Before you apply](#) for more information on eligibility.

## **How do you apply?**

If you already get child benefits and have filed your 2015 taxes, you will have started receiving the new CCB automatically as of July 2016.

If you do not currently receive child benefits and you have a child under 18, you can apply for the CCB using one of the following options:

- the [Automated Benefits Application](#) for newborns
- the online service “Apply for Child Benefits” on [My Account](#)
- Fill out [Form RC66, Canada Child Benefits Application](#) and mail it to the Canada Revenue Agency.

To apply, you will need:

- Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Your 2015 income tax assessment

For more information on SINs, to get an application or to find out if you are eligible to apply for a SIN by mail, go to [Social Insurance Number – Overview](#).

You can access the general income tax and benefit package for 2015 [here](#).

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