

## What is Canada Child Benefit CCB

### The Canada child benefit (CCB)

- is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under 18 years of age.
- The CCB might include the child disability benefit and any related provincial and territorial programs.
- The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) uses information from your income tax and benefit return to calculate how much your CCB payments will be. To get the CCB, you **have to file your return every year, even if you did not have income** in the year. If you have a spouse or common-law partner, they also have to file a return every year.
- Benefits are paid over a 12-month period from July of one year to June of the next year. Your benefit payments will be recalculated every **July** based on information from you and your spouse's (if applicable) income tax and benefit returns from the previous year.

### Eligibility

- To be eligible for the Canada child benefit (CCB), you must meet all of the following conditions:
  - You must live with the child, and the child must be under 18 years of age.
  - You must be primarily responsible for the care and upbringing of the child.
  - You must be a resident of Canada for tax purposes.
  - You **or** your spouse or common-law partner must be:
    - a Canadian citizen/ a permanent resident/ a protected person/ a temporary resident who has lived in Canada for the previous 18

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months, and who has a valid permit in the 19th month/ an Indian within the meaning of the Indian Act

### **When to Apply**

- Apply for the CCB as soon as possible after:
  - your child is born
  - a child starts to live with you
  - you or your spouse or common-law partner meet the eligibility conditions
- CCB payments can begin the month after you become eligible, as long as you are still eligible at the beginning of the current month.

**Contact us today for CCB Application!**

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