



# Newcomers

Doing your taxes can benefit you!

## Benefit and credit payments

### Canada child benefit

- Up to **\$6,496** per year for each child under the age of 6
- Up to **\$5,481** per year for each child aged 6 to 17
- + any related provincial/territorial payments you may be eligible for

### GST/HST credit

- Up to **\$568** per year
- + **\$149** per year for each child under the age of 19
- + any related provincial payments you may be eligible for

## How do you get your payments?

Apply for benefits and credits as soon as you get your social insurance number from Service Canada. Then, fill out the following forms and send them to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) with **all** the required documents:

- Form RC66, Canada Child Benefits Application
- Form RC66SCH, Status in Canada / Statement of Income
- Form RC151, GST/HST Credit Application for Individuals Who Become Residents of Canada

## How do you continue getting your payments?

You only need to apply once to find out if you are eligible for benefit and credit payments. Then as a resident of Canada, you need to **do your taxes every year**, even if you have no income, to continue getting your payments.

The CRA uses the information from your income tax and benefit return to calculate your payment amounts. If you have a spouse or common-law partner, they also have to do their taxes every year.





## Need help?

### Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

This is a free program where volunteers can do your taxes for you, if you have a modest income and a simple tax situation. To find a volunteer near you, go to [canada.ca/taxes-help](https://canada.ca/taxes-help).

### Authorize a representative

You can give permission to another person (such as a family member, friend, or accountant) to deal with the CRA for you. You can add or remove a representative through My Account or you can fill out Form T1013, Authorizing or Cancelling a Representative, and send it to the CRA.



## Sign up for direct deposit

With direct deposit, you get your tax refund and benefit payments deposited directly into your bank account. You won't get a cheque by mail. To sign up, go to [canada.ca/cra-direct-deposit](https://canada.ca/cra-direct-deposit).



## Register for My Account

After the CRA has assessed your first return, you can register for My Account to manage your tax and benefit affairs online. You can track your refund, check your benefit and credit payments and dates, and so much more! To register, go to [canada.ca/my-cra-account](https://canada.ca/my-cra-account).

## Avoid delays and incorrect payments

Changes to your personal information such as your marital status, the number of children in your care, and your address directly affect your benefit payments. To avoid delays and incorrect payments, update your personal information in My Account or call the CRA.

## Need more information?



### Online

- Information for newcomers: [canada.ca/taxes-newcomers](https://canada.ca/taxes-newcomers)
- Child and family benefits: [canada.ca/child-family-benefits](https://canada.ca/child-family-benefits)
- Get ready to do your taxes: [canada.ca/taxes-get-ready](https://canada.ca/taxes-get-ready)
- CRA forms and publications: [canada.ca/cra-forms](https://canada.ca/cra-forms)



### By phone

- To ask about benefits: **1-800-387-1193**
- For general questions and to get forms: **1-800-959-8281**
- Service Canada (social insurance number): **1-800-206-7218**