

What are the current income limits for getting tax credits?

Whether you can get tax credits, and how much you can get, depends on your own circumstances.

As a very rough guide, if your annual income is not above one of the following 'limits', you could probably get tax credits:

- If you have one child it is £25,000
- If you have two children it is £30,000
- If you're single without children it is £13,000
- If you are a couple without children it is £18,000

Follow this link to calculate if you can qualify for Tax Credit.

<http://taxcredits.hmrc.gov.uk/Qualify/DIQHousehold.aspx>

When you call

Before you are sent the form, you will be asked for certain information and given an estimate of how much you could obtain.

The type of information you could be asked for, is as follows:

- Your National Insurance number
- Your **income** for the last tax year
- Details of any **benefits** you obtain
- Details of any childcare payments
- The number of hours you work a week

Penalties

You may be charged a penalty (up to £3,000) if you give incorrect information:

- Fraudulently (on purpose)
- Negligently (you didn't take enough care)

You will not get a penalty if you made a mistake, but took reasonable care when making a claim.

How to claim

If you're new to tax credits, contact the Tax Credit Helpline for a claim form – it can take up to 2 weeks to arrive by post. You cannot apply online or download the form.

You can apply for tax credits as a single person or as a couple (known as a 'joint claim').

Tax Credit Helpline

Telephone: 0345 300 3900

Textphone: 0345 300 3909

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm

Saturday 8am to 4pm

Sunday 9am to 5pm