



Working Tax Credit Factsheet

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Are you or your partner in paid work of 16 hours or more per week?

You may be able to get some extra money in the form of **Working Tax Credit**

This is paid through the Inland Revenue and not the Department for Work and Pensions.

There are several groups of people who may qualify but you or your family will most likely fall into one of the groups mentioned below:

People with a Disability

You must be

- At least age 16
- Working 16 hours per week (or your partner must do so)
- Have a disability that puts you at a disadvantage in getting a job
- Have earnings that are below a certain amount. Please seek assistance (see contact details below) for an estimate on whether your earnings qualify you for a Tax Credit. It is also the earnings in the previous tax year that are considered in the assessment.

People age 50 or more

You must

- Be at least age 50
- Be working 16 hours or more per week (or your partner must do so)
- Have received within the previous 3 months before the application for a Tax Credit a qualifying Benefit such as:
Job Seekers Allowance
Income Support
Carer's Allowance
Incapacity Benefit
OR
- Have received within the previous 6 months before the application for a Tax Credit a combination of the above Allowances or Benefits

How to claim

You can claim by telephoning the Tax Credit **Helpline 0845 609 5000** or **Northern Ireland 0845 609 7000**. They will send you an application pack which includes a claim form. Completed forms should be sent to:

Inland Revenue, Tax Credit Office, Comben House, Farriers Way, Netherton, Merseyside L69 1BY

Arrears of Tax Credit

If you have delayed making a claim for whatever reason please seek assistance (see contact details below).

Overpayments

The system of awarding tax credits on a provisional basis, at the beginning of the year, based on the previous year's income, makes frequent overpayments inevitable in the system. The Inland Revenue have the discretion to recover all or part of any overpayment. In the case of an overpayment of a Tax Credit to a couple, both parties will be legally responsible for repaying the money.

How to Challenge a Decision by the Inland Revenue

If the Inland Revenue has

- Refused all payment of Tax Credit
- Given you less Tax Credit than you consider is appropriate for your circumstances

You can appeal to a Tribunal. You must do so within one month of the date of the letter containing the decision. Please seek assistance (see contact details below).

For help to check exactly which benefits you are able to claim, help to fill in the necessary forms or to discuss any problems you have with your benefits call:

Macmillan Benefits Helpline on freephone 0808 808 0000
Mon – Fri 9am – 8pm

Alternatively, you can contact an Asbestos Support Group, your local Citizens' Advice Bureau or a local specialist nurse for advice and assistance.