

Child Benefit

When your child is 16 years old and leaves school, child benefit will normally stop on the 31st August after the 16th birthday. In some circumstances, child benefit can be extended :-

If your child is aged 16 or under 20 and

- is on a full time non advanced education (ie school) or
- is on an approved training course

child benefit can be paid until the date that falls after the education or training ceases, which is either last day in February or 31st May or 31st August or 30th November.

If your child is aged 16 or 17, and has left education or training and :

- is registered for work with the Careers Service and not in paid work and
- you were entitled to child benefit before education/training stopped and
- you apply within 3 months of this date

child benefit can be extended for 20 weeks from date education/training stopped or until payday prior to child's 18th birthday .

Child Benefit can be extremely complicated after your child's 16th birthday, and there are different rules if your child turns 19 and is still in non advanced education. You must keep child benefit fully informed of any changes. Child Benefit requires to be in payment for Child Tax Credits to continue to make payment.

Telephone : 0845 302 1444

Non advanced education:-

- GCSEs
- Scottish National Qualifications (higher or advanced higher)
- AS and A levels
- NVQ level 3 and below
- SVQ level 3 and below
- National Diploma or Ordinary National Diploma
- BTEC Nationals
- National Certificate of Edexcel

If your child is 15 years old and attending college contact the education department to check if any funding is available for transport costs