



◆ MATERNITY ALLOWANCE

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

Your Checklist

- Be an insured woman on maternity leave.
- Have at least 50 weekly paid contributions since June 1981.
- Have 25 contributions, of which at least 20 have been paid, and 5 credited in the 39 weeks immediately before the benefit is to begin.
- Present a Certificate of Expected Confinement (MB1) from a doctor.
- Present a Certificate of Confinement (MB1) from either a doctor or registered midwife.

WHEN DO I APPLY?

- Claim maternity benefit 8 weeks before the week in which it is expected that confinement will take place.
- Submit the Certificate of Confinement within 3 weeks after the date of confinement.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I GET?

| Average Weekly Earnings \$ | Weekly Insurable Earnings \$ | Weekly Benefit 80% of Insurable Earnings \$ |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Under \$70.00 | 55.00 | 44.00 |
| 70.00 to 109.99 | 90.00 | 72.00 |
| 110.00 to 139.99 | 130.00 | 104.00 |
| 140.00 to 179.99 | 160.00 | 128.00 |
| 180.00 to 219.99 | 200.00 | 160.00 |
| 220.00 to 259.99 | 240.00 | 192.00 |
| 260.00 to 299.99 | 280.00 | 224.00 |
| 300.00 and over | 320.00 | 256.00 |

◆ MATERNITY GRANT

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

Insured Woman

Upon submission of Certificate of Confinement (MB1) stating date of confinement, the maternity grant of \$300.00 is payable.

Your Checklist - Insured Man

- Be an insured man.
- Have 50 paid contributions.
- Have paid 25 contributions in the 50 weeks before your spouse's confinement.
- The insured man must make the claim using the MB5 form.
- Present the child's birth certificate or certificate of registration of birth (Schedule 1) of child.

WHEN DO I APPLY?

- Claims are to be submitted to Social Security within 3 months after the date of confinement. To avoid losing benefit, claims are to be submitted no later than 6 months after the birth of the child.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I GET?

The Maternity Grant of \$300 is paid:

- For each child.
- Any pregnancy lasting more than 28 weeks.
- An Insured Man only qualifies for one grant per calendar year.

WHAT IS MATERNITY BENEFIT?

There are two types of cash benefits that Social Security pays to insured women who are unable to work due to maternity leave.

WHAT IS MATERNITY ALLOWANCE?

This benefit is paid to an insured woman when she is on Maternity leave, for a maximum of 14 weeks, but not earlier than 7 weeks before the expected date of confinement. This cash benefit compensates for loss of wages. A woman shall not be entitled to Maternity Allowance in respect of any day in which she engages in remunerative work.

WHAT IS MATERNITY GRANT?

The grant of \$300 per child is payable:

- To an insured woman who has given birth, or
- To an insured man whose spouse is not entitled to the maternity benefit.

These cash benefits compensate for loss of wages. An insured father, whose wife is not employed, can also claim Maternity Grant.

