

A change in my personal situation

Are you going to move or emigrate? Do you have a new bank account? Or has there been another significant change in your personal situation? Please let us know during consultation hours or download the modification form via www.rijksdienstcn.com/kinderbijslag.

Attention! If you move to the European Netherlands, you'll need proof of termination of child benefit in order to be able to reapply for child benefit. To obtain this proof, please contact the child benefit department before your departure.



Rijksdienst Caribisch Nederland
RCN-Unit Sociale Zaken en Werkgelegenheid

Child benefit

English

More information

www.rijksdienstcn.com/kinderbijslag
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Consultation hours Bonaire:

Mondays 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Wednesdays 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Fridays 8:00 am – 11:30 am

Openings hours Saba:

Mondays through Thursdays from 08:00 am to 12:00 noon. There are no consultation hours, you can stop by during opening hours for questions or applications.

Openings hours St. Eustatius:

Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00 am to noon, or in the afternoon by appointment. There are no consultation hours, you can stop by in the morning or make an afternoon appointment for questions or applications.





Applying for child benefit

You can stop by at the SZW-Unit during consultation hours in order to apply for child benefit. You'll have to submit an application for each child individually.

You must bring the following items:

- Your sedula;
- If you have a partner who lives at the same address: (a copy of) your partner's sedula;
- Proof of your bank details;
- If you have guardianship: the guardianship order;
- If your child is staying abroad for medical reasons: a medical certificate;
- If your child is staying abroad for educational reasons: a statement by the school;
- If you don't have Dutch nationality: a valid residence permit, and the one of your child(ren).

It is also possible to download the child benefit application form via www.rijksdienstcn.com/kinderbijslag and digitally submit your application.

Child benefit is a contribution to the cost of raising your child(ren) from 0 to 18 years old. All parents/caretakers who are citizens of the Caribbean Netherlands are entitled to child benefit. It doesn't matter how much you earn. Child benefit is a gift and you don't have to pay it back. The child benefit is paid out by the RCN-Unit for Social Affairs and Labour (SZW, Sociale Zaken en Werkgelegenheid). You must apply for the child benefit.

My child is turning 18

Child benefit is a contribution towards the expenses of raising children from 0 to 18 years old. In the month after your child has turned 18, the child benefit will automatically stop.

My child is going to study

If your child receives study financing, then you will still be entitled to the child benefit if your child is under the age of 18. So, you do not have to cancel the child benefit if your child starts studying. In the month after your child has turned 18, the entitlement to the child benefit ends and the child benefit stops automatically.

If your child is going to study abroad and has not turned 18 yet, then you do need to send us a signed certificate of enrolment from the educational institution annually until your child turns 18. Do so as soon as possible after your child has deregistered with the Census Office (Civil Affairs). This will prevent us from stopping your child benefit if your child leaves the island to live somewhere else. You can email a certificate of enrolment from the institution where your child is going to study to kinderbijslag@rijksdienstcn.com.