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If you and your family live in the Netherlands and you work in Belgium, you will get child benefit from Belgium. In some cases, your partner may be able to get child benefit, child budget and childcare benefit from the Netherlands.

**Who is entitled to child benefit, child budget and childcare benefit?**

**Child benefit**
You can get Belgian child benefit for:
- children under 18;
- children under 21 who are incapacitated for work;
- children aged 18 to 24 who are studying or who are unemployed.

Belgian child benefit is paid every month.

If your partner works in the Netherlands or receives a Dutch unemployment benefit or sickness benefit, he or she may get Dutch child benefit for your children under 16. Dutch child benefit is paid by the Sociale Verzekeringsbank (SVB). Dutch child benefit can be paid up to the age of 18 if your children go to school, are unemployed or incapacitated for work.

**Maternity grant**
If you have a baby, you can get a maternity grant from Belgium. See the leaflet “Living in the Netherlands and working in Belgium - Maternity leave and parental leave”.

**Child budget**
If your partner receives child benefit from the Netherlands, he or she may also qualify for a child budget from the Netherlands. A child budget is an extra monthly allowance for families with children. Child budgets are paid by the Tax Administration. You will find more information about this (in Dutch only) at www.toeslagen.nl.

**Childcare benefit**
If you use childcare, you may be able to get a monthly benefit for childcare expenses.
You can get a childcare benefit if:
- both you and your partner work (in some cases even if one of you is in a training programme or job-seeking programme). It makes no difference whether your partner works in the Netherlands or in Belgium; and
- your child goes to a registered childcare facility and you pay the expenses; and
- your child is registered as living at your address.

Childcare benefit is paid monthly by the Tax Administration. You will find more information about this (in Dutch only) at www.toeslagen.nl.

How much child benefit, child budget and childcare benefit can you get?
How much child benefit you will get depends on the number of children you have and their ages. You can find the Dutch and Belgian child benefit amounts in the “Figures” appendix. If you want to find out how much child budget and childcare benefit you can get, you can use the calculation tool (“Proefberekening”) at www.toeslagen.nl.

How to claim child benefit, child budget and childcare benefit?
- You can claim Belgian child benefit from your employer’s child benefit fund. Your partner can claim Dutch child benefit from the SVB office in your area.
- You do not need to claim a child budget yourself. The SVB will inform the Tax Administration that your partner receives child benefit, and the Tax Administration will decide whether you are entitled to a child budget. If you have not heard from the Tax Administration after 6 weeks and you believe you are entitled to a child budget, you should submit a claim to the Tax Administration yourself.
- To submit a claim for childcare benefit, go to www.toeslagen.nl.

Child benefit from the Netherlands
If your partner works in the Netherlands or receives a Dutch unemployment benefit or sickness benefit, your family may be able to get child benefit from both the Netherlands and Belgium, but not at the full rate in both countries. The amount you will get from each country depends on your situation. The country where your child lives and where your partner works (the Netherlands) will pay full child benefit, while the country where you work (Belgium) will only pay a supplement if the Belgian child benefit is higher than the Dutch child benefit. Dutch child benefit also includes child budget and childcare benefit.
What if …

... your child turns 18?
In that case, your Dutch child benefit and your child budget, if you have one, will stop. If your child goes on to study in the Netherlands or Belgium, you can get Belgian child benefit until your child turns 25. In addition, your child may get a Dutch student grant or loan. For more information on Dutch student grants and loans, go to www.ocwduo.nl.

...you care for a disabled child at home?
In that case, you may be able to claim a care allowance under the TOG scheme as long as your child is under 18. You can apply to the SVB in Roermond for a TOG care allowance. You may also get a higher amount in Belgian child benefit or supplementary child benefit. For more information, contact the Bureau for Belgian Affairs.

... you adopt a child?
In that case, you can get an adoption grant from Belgium. You must apply to your employer’s child benefit fund for an adoption grant. In addition, you may also get adoption leave.

If you or your partner is due to start work in Belgium shortly, it is important that you inform the SVB, as this may affect your Dutch child benefit. If you or your partner has already started working in Belgium and you have not informed the SVB yet, you must do so with-out delay. You can find the contact details for your SVB office on www.svb.nl.

Stay informed

The information given in this leaflet is only a summary. Additional conditions and exceptions may apply to your situation, and rules and regulations are often subject to change. We therefore advise you to check our website regularly.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with the Bureau for Belgian Affairs. We will be happy to assist you.

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