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

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

#### Child benefit
Everyone who lives or works in the Netherlands and who cares for a minor child is entitled to child benefit. You can get Dutch child benefit:
- if you care for or support one or more children under 18;
- for your own children, but also for your stepchildren and foster children;
- Children aged 16 or 17 only qualify for child benefit if they are in school, or are unemployed or incapacitated for work.

Child benefit is paid on a quarterly basis, in January, April, July and October. It is paid after the quarter has ended. For example, child benefit for the first quarter is paid in April. Dutch child benefit is paid by the Sociale Verzekeringsbank (SVB). For more information, go to www.svb.nl/kinderbijslag.

#### Child budget
If you receive Dutch child benefit, you may also qualify for a child budget. A child budget is an extra monthly allowance for low-income families. Whether a child budget is payable depends on your family’s income and assets. 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 to cover part of your childcare expenses. You can get a childcare benefit if:
- both you and your partner work (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 by the Tax Administration. The childcare benefit is related to the number of working hours of the partner who works least. 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. Children living away from home may qualify for child benefit at twice the basic rate. The conditions for entitlement to child benefit are listed at www.svb.nl/kinderbijslag.

You can find the Dutch and Belgian child benefit amounts in the “Figures” appendix. 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 must apply to the SVB for child benefit. At www.svb.nl/kinderbijslag you can check which office serves your area.

You do not need to claim a child budget yourself. The SVB will inform the Tax Administration if you receive child benefit, and the Tax Administration will decide whether you are entitled to a child budget.

To claim childcare benefit, call the international office of the Dutch Tax Administration.

Child benefit from Belgium

If your partner works in Belgium, your family could 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. One country will pay full child benefit while the other country may pay a supplement.

- If your partner works in Belgium or receives a Belgian sickness or unemployment benefit, your partner will get full Belgian child benefit. If the Dutch child benefit is higher than the Belgian child benefit, the Netherlands will pay the difference as a supplement.
- If your partner does not work and does not receive a Belgian benefit, you will only receive Dutch child benefit.
- If your partner also works in the Netherlands, your family will only be entitled to Dutch child benefit.

Your partner must claim Belgian child benefit from his or her employer’s child benefit fund. If your partner is self-employed in Belgium, he or she must submit the application to the National Institute for Social Security of the Self-Employed (RSVZ).
What if...

... you stop working in the Netherlands?
In that case, the Dutch child benefit will stop. You will only be able to get Belgian child benefit if you or your partner works in Belgium.

... you are going to move to the Netherlands?
You will then start to receive full Dutch child benefit. If your partner receives child benefit from Belgium, that may change. For more information, contact the Bureau for Belgian Affairs.

... 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.

... your child is going to start working?
If your child is 16 or 17, you must report his or her income from work to the SVB. Income earned by your child may affect your child benefit.

... your child turns 18?
In that case, your Dutch child benefit and your child budget, if you have one, will stop. If your child is going to study, you can get Belgian child benefit until your child turns 25. You must apply to the National Office for Child Benefit for Employees (RKW) in Brussels for child benefit. 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 adopt a child or take in a foster child?
In that case, you will be entitled to adoption or foster leave. You can apply to your employer for this. Your employer will subsequently inform UWV.

Stay informed
This leaflet contains general information. Additional conditions and exceptions may apply to your situation, and rules and regulations are subject to change. We therefore advise you to check our website regularly (www.svb.nl/bbz).

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

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Sociale Verzekeringsbank (SVB)
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