

## Help for those on section 4 (voucher) support

What you can claim	Amount of voucher / type of help	Conditions	What you need to send with the claim form
Weekly maternity	£3.00 p.w.	During pregnancy	MATB1
Maternity Grant	£250.00	Claim between 8-weeks before baby is due and 6 weeks after	MATB1 or Full Birth Certificate
Child under one year	£5.00 per week	Claim required	Full Birth Certificate
Child 1-2 years	£3.00 per week	Claim required	Full Birth Certificate
Clothing Allowance for child under 16	£5.00 per week	Claim required	Full Birth Certificate
Help with travel to register birth	Cost of travel for parent and dependants	An Immigration Officer or someone from your accommodation provider may go with you	A document from the hospital showing birth
Help with travel to health appointment	Cost of travel for patient (and parent on asylum support if child) and dependant	Over 3 miles away unless unfit to walk, or children under 5 travelling.	Appointment card or letter

You can also claim extra vouchers for an essential living need not covered by your asylum support, and for stationery and phone costs to official agencies.

Are you an asylum seeker on asylum support?

# Extra Help for Mothers and Children

**If you are a pregnant woman, have just given birth, or have a child under 16, you could get extra financial help. Don't delay, or you could lose out!**

You can get advice on the contents of this leaflet, and on any other entitlement for a refugee or asylum seeker from:

**Northern Refugee Centre Advice Service: Tel: 0114 241 2730**

Drop-ins: - Tuesdays & Thursdays 10.00 – 1.00

Women friendly drop-in: - Wednesdays 9.30 – 12.30

Sheffield Advice Link, North Gallery, Castle Market, Exchange Street, Sheffield S2 5TR

Please ring if you require an appointment outside these times.



## Who can claim help?

You need to be receiving support from the Home Office UK Border Agency (UKBA). \* What you can get depends on the type of asylum support you are getting:

\*This used to be known as the Immigration and Nationality Directorate, and asylum support used to be administered by a special agency known as the National Asylum Support Service (NASS).

### Ordinary asylum support

This is paid by the in cash paid by using your 'ARC' card to get cash each week from the post office.

### Section 4 support

This is provided in the form of accommodation and vouchers. It is mainly given to asylum seekers whose claim, and any appeals, have been refused. **If you are a failed asylum seeker, and pregnant or have just given birth, you may get section 4 support. We can help you apply for this.**

## Help for those on ordinary (cash) asylum support

### What can I claim:

You may be able to claim -

- a maternity grant of £300
- £3.00 per week extra for a child under one year old
- the normal allowance for a child

### How do I claim?

You need to write to the caseowner at the Home Office with a copy of the original, full birth certificate (showing the parents' names).

The claim for a maternity grant must be received by the Home Office between one month before and 2 weeks after the due/actual date of birth. You should claim as soon as possible after the birth of a child for the other amounts due.

**You can get advice, and help writing a letter to claim, from the advice agency on the front of this leaflet.**

## Help for those on section 4 (voucher) support

### What can I claim:

Since January 2008 the Home Office UK Border Agency will make extra payments to those on section 4 asylum support.

The extra help is in the form of -

- a weekly payment during pregnancy
- a one-off £250 maternity grant
- £5.00 per week extra vouchers for a child under 1 year old
- £3.00 per week vouchers for a child 1-2 years
- an allowance of £5.00 per week in clothing vouchers for a child under 16 years old
- travel costs to register a birth
- travel costs to a medical appointment 3+ miles away (or any distance if you are unfit to walk to the appointment).

### How do I claim?

You need to fill out a simple application form and send this to the Home Office. You can get the form from your accommodation provider, the Home Office, the [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk) website, from the Northern Refugee Centre or your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

You can get advice, and help completing the form, from the advice agency on the front of this leaflet.

The maternity grant application must be received by the Home Office no earlier than 8 weeks before the birth is due, nor later than 6 weeks after the actual birth.

A table showing what you can claim and what proof you need is on the back page of this leaflet.