

What payments are available

The table below lists the four types of Working for Families Tax Credits payments and describes them briefly. You can also use the links to find out more about each type.

Important: You may be able to get more than one type of payment.

Payment type	Description	Find out more...
FAMILY TAX CREDIT	<p>Paid to families with dependent children 18 or younger.</p> <p>The types of payment you can get depend on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how many dependent children aged 18 or younger you have or care for your total family income where your family income comes from the age of the children in your care, and any children you share care for. <p>All payments are made to an eligible parent or the principal child carer to help with the family's day to day living costs.</p> <p>Who pays it</p> <p>Work and Income generally pays your family tax credit if you receive an income-tested benefit as your main income.</p> <p>Inland Revenue pays Working for Families Tax Credits if your main income is from working, a student allowance, NZ Super or ACC.</p> <p>If you receive an income-tested benefit you can choose to receive your family tax credit from either Work and Income or Inland Revenue.</p>	<p>About family tax credit</p> <p>Income threshold</p> <p>The income threshold above which the family tax credit, in work tax credit and parental tax credit abatement for 2009-10 is \$36,824.</p>
IN-WORK TAX CREDIT <small>NOTE: Only available if you are IN WORK.</small>	<p>Paid to families with dependent children 18 or younger who work the required hours each week.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>To get this payment, couples must work at least 30 hours a week between them and sole parents must work at least 20 hours a week.</p>	<p>About in-work tax credit</p>
MINIMUM FAMILY TAX CREDIT <small>NOTE: Only available if you are IN WORK.</small>	<p>Paid to ensure that the annual income (before tax) of a family with dependent children 18 or younger does not fall below \$24,493.</p> <p><i>NOTE: If you earn Minimum Wage (i.e. \$12.50 per hour) for a 40 hour week your annual income will be \$26,000, and thus you will not be eligible for this tax credit.</i></p>	<p>About minimum family tax credit</p>
PARENTAL TAX CREDIT <small>NOTE: Only available if you are IN WORK.</small>	<p>Paid to families with a newborn baby for the first 56 days (eight weeks) after the baby is born.</p> <p>Note</p> <p>You can't get this payment if you're on paid parental leave or receiving an income-tested benefit.</p>	<p>About parental tax credit</p>