



English



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### What are tax credits?

There are two types of tax credit:

### WORKING TAX CREDIT

is extra money you can get from the government if you are working and are on a low income

### CHILD TAX CREDIT

is extra money you can get from the government if you have children. You don't have to be working to get Child Tax Credit.

### Who can claim?

If you come from a European Economic Area (EEA) country or Switzerland, you'll be able to claim tax credits, as long as you meet the conditions about how many hours you work, how much you earn and how old you are or if you have children.

Over 25      in paid work over 30 hrs per week

Over 16 &    be responsible for a child/young person  
                  or have a disability  
                  or be over 50 & have been unemployed

If you're from a country outside the EEA, you may be able to get tax credits (conditions as above) but you will also need to prove that you meet certain residency conditions. The rules governing this are quite complex and you should seek further advice from Citizens Advice or the Law Centre NI. You can't get Working Tax Credits if you're under 25, unless you are disabled or have children.

### How to claim?

You can claim tax credits by phoning the helpline on 0845 300 3900. Citizens Advice can offer further help with your tax credit claim. Citizens Advice Bureaux give free, confidential, impartial and independent advice to help you solve problems. To find your nearest CAB, phone our Regional Office on 02890231120 or look under C in your phone book.

