

Children Aged Under 16 (Section 31) Placed at Home

1. Child Benefit is payable
2. It is also possible that Child Tax Credits are payable as CTC is linked to Child Benefit entitlement

See guidance below

HMRC Guidance

If your child is in care after eight weeks;

- Unless your child is in care because of an illness or disability, Child Benefit payments usually stop after eight weeks.

However, you can make another claim for Child Benefit after eight weeks if any of the following apply:

- your child spends seven or more consecutive days at home and then returns to care, in which case you can claim Child Benefit for the weeks they are at home
- your child spends at least 24 hours at home every week, in which case you are entitled to Child Benefit as long as that continues

Children Aged Over 16 Placed at Home

Parents of children (S31) aged 16 plus placed at home are eligible to claim Child Benefit as long as the child remains in full time education or training.

It is unlikely that Child Tax Credits can be paid for young people aged 16 plus due to the young person being deemed Eligible and the legislation excluding most Eligible young people from the benefit system.

See Leaving Care Finance Policy Appendix B

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