

Working Tax Credit



Working Tax Credit (WTC) is a payment for people who are working and on a low income. Working Tax Credit is paid by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) directly into your bank or building society account, or into a post office card account.

Who can get Working Tax Credits

You can get WTC if you or your partner, are working enough hours a week and your income is low enough. You must be living in the UK. If you are from abroad, you may have difficulty claiming WTC depending on your immigration status. If you aren't sure about your right to

claim WTC because of your immigration status, get help from an experienced adviser.

There are a number of different ways you can qualify for WTC, depending on your circumstances and you must work a number of hours a week and your income is low enough to qualify:

Circumstance

Aged 25 to 59

Aged 60 or over

Disabled

Single with 1 or more children

Couple with 1 or more children

Disabled

Hours must work a week

At least 30 hours

At least 16 hours

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Usually, at least 24 hours between you (with 1 of you working at least 16 hours)

Usually at least 16 hours and your income is low enough and you are on another qualifying benefit because of your disability

There are rules about how long you have to have been getting some of these benefits before you claim WTC.

If you're disabled and you're not sure whether you qualify for WTC, you should get help from an experienced adviser.

How Working Tax Credit is calculated

To work out whether you're entitled to WTC and how much you can get, HMRC will look at how much income you've got. If your income is low enough, you will get the maximum amount of WTC (and Child Tax Credit if this applies). This will depend on your circumstances.

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