

Application for childbirth subsidy – students

pursuant to Act no. 95/2000, as amended



Each of the parents needs to complete his or her own form

For the past six months, a parent has been enrolled in at least a 75% programme of study. See further explanation at the bottom of this form.

The application for childbirth subsidy shall be sent to:
VinnuMálastofnun - Fæðingarorlofssjóður, Strandgata 1, 530
Hvammstangi

1. Name		National ID number	
2. Address		Postal code	Municipality
3. Home phone / Mobile phone / Work phone		E-mail address	
4. Name of the other parent		National ID number of other parent	

5. a) Each of the parents has an **individual right** to receive childbirth subsidy for a total of 90 days (3 months). I intend to take _____ days of leave.

b) The parents have the **joint right** to childbirth subsidy for a total of 90 days. I intend to take _____ days of leave.

c) **Multiple births.** Number of children: _____. 90 days of joint right to childbirth subsidy are added for each child beyond one child born alive or for a child who is stillborn after a pregnancy of 22 weeks. I apply for an extension of the childbirth leave for a period of _____ days. I intend to use _____ days of the extended leave.

d) **Miscarriage** after 18 weeks of pregnancy. Joint right to childbirth subsidy for a total of 60 days. I intend to take _____ days of leave.

e) Immediately following a **stillbirth** after a pregnancy of 22 weeks an individual right or entitlement of 90 days is created for each parent. I intend to take _____ days of leave.

The total (a+b+c) paid childbirth subsidy for which I apply is _____ days. (30 days per month).

6. Applies for parents who apply for childbirth subsidy payments but who are not married, in a registered consensual union, or in a registered partnership.

The parents intend to have joint custody of the child and will submit an agreement, confirmed by the Commissioner of their municipality, to that effect.

The agreement must be submitted before payments will be made to the parent with whom the child does not reside.

The custodial parent consents to the remittance of childbirth leave payments to the non custodial parent. **A birth certificate issued by Registers Iceland must be submitted certifying that the applicant is the parent of the child before payments will be made.** The undersigned parent, who has custody of the child/children (multiple birth) hereby agrees that the non-custodial parent may visit and interact with the child/children during leave period.

Signature of custodial parent

7. A parent who has the right to childbirth subsidy can begin receiving it no sooner than in the month in which the child is born. If the actual date of birth does not fall in the same month as the estimated date of delivery, the childbirth leave payments shall begin in the month in which the child is born, or later, if the parent requests it. It is not possible to distribute childbirth subsidy over a greater number of time periods. The right

to receive childbirth subsidy is cancelled when the child is 24 months old.

It is requested that payments commence in _____ (month and year). Paid afterwards at the end of each month during the childbirth leave period.

I request that payments be deposited into the following bank account: Bank no. _____ Type no. _____

Acct. nr. _____

Payments deposited directly to a bank account are accompanied by a summary statement that can be viewed through your online banking system.

8. By my signature, I accept that Vinnumálastofnun may gather all necessary information from the register of withholding taxes, the register of payroll taxes, and the applicant's income tax return, when applying the law. I have also been informed that information thus gathered by Vinnumálastofnun will be used to supervise how the law is being implemented. By my signature I also acknowledge that I must inform the Maternity/Paternity Leave Fund of any events that may result in overpayment including any changes that may be made regarding the scheduled taking of the childbirth leave or any change in my income, that may affect my right as a parent to receive payments and/or may result in overpayment from the Maternity/Paternity Leave Fund, see further guidelines for supervision purposes on next page*

For the purpose of reducing conventional postal deliveries you are invited to receive administrative decisions and other letters from the Maternity/Paternity Leave Fund by e-mail to the e-mail address that you provide, cf. item 3 above, substituting the conventional postal delivery services.

I wish to: receive administrative decisions and other letters from the Maternity/Paternity Leave Fund by **e-mail**, cf. item 3.

receive administrative decisions and other letters from the Maternity/Paternity Leave Fund by **conventional post**

Place and date

Applicant's signature*

9. Other information which the **applicant** wishes to submit:

Explanatory notes:

- Parents who have been enrolled into full study programmes for at least six months during the past twelve months preceding the birth of the child, the adoption of a child, or the receiving of a child for permanent fostering, and who have met the requirements for academic progress during that period, have an **individual right** to receive childbirth subsidy for up to 3 months. In addition to this parents have a **joint right** to receive childbirth subsidy for a period up to an additional 3 months which one of the parents may take all of or which the parents may share between them.
- **A full study programme** under the Act is defined as a 75-100% continuous study programme, technical or theoretical, at an accredited educational institution within the common educational system in Iceland and which lasts for a period of at least six months. Furthermore this applies also to a 75-100% study programme at university level and other studies that make similar requirements for preparatory education as university level studies. Single courses are not considered to be studies in this context.
- A parent who applies for childbirth subsidy as a student must submit a **letter from the relevant school confirming** that the parent was registered in a full study programme and that the parent met the requirements regarding academic progress during that period, i.e. how many units the parent has completed during each semester over the past twelve months preceding the birth of the child. It is not permitted to take the average of two semesters when assessing academic progress. It is permitted to take into account the attendance in a study programme instead of learning outcome during the semester when the child is born.
- Normally the parent shall have its **domicile** in Iceland at the birth of the child, the adoption of the child, or the receiving of a child for permanent fostering and must have had its domicile in Iceland during the past 12 months prior to that time. It is however permitted to provide an exemption for the requirements of domicile if a parent has moved its domicile temporarily because of **studies abroad** provided the parent had its domicile in Iceland continuously for five years prior to moving. The same applies when a parent has moved its domicile temporarily and is engaged in distance learning at an Icelandic school during that period provided the parent has had its domicile in Iceland continuously for at least five years prior to the move and meets all other requirements regarding childbirth subsidy for parents engaged in full study programmes.

- If a parent has had its domicile in Iceland during at least part of the time last month prior to the date of birth of the child, or the date when a child is brought into a home because of adoption, or because of permanent fostering, the periods of residence of the parent in other EEA states shall be taken into account when assessing whether a parent meets the domicile requirements. The parent needs also to have been insured during the same period in that state and the time period since the insurance period in that state expired must not be more than one month. A parent shall also submit the mandatory certificates regarding periods of residence and insurance periods in another EEA state with the application.
- It is important to apply for the payment of childbirth subsidy for students at least **3 weeks** before the expected delivery date.
- You need to submit a certificate **indicating the expected delivery date** of the child.
- In order to be able to use your **personal tax allowance** you must send **the tax card** to the Maternity/Paternity Leave Fund at the latest on the 20th day of the month in which the childbirth subsidy was paid.
- **A parent who is engaged in the labour market** but is not entitled to receive payments from the Maternity/Paternity Leave Fund may be entitled to receive a childbirth subsidy. If a parent wishes to use that right the application must be accompanied by the form entitled "Notification to employer" where the arrangements for the childbirth leave is described. There are no deductions made from the childbirth subsidy for payments into a labour union or a pension fund.

Supervision:

According to Article 15 b of the Act on Childbirth and Parental Leave No. 95/2000 (ffl.) Vinnumálastofnun - the Directorate of Labour - shall be in charge of the supervising the implementation of the Act and the internal revenue service shall provide the agency with information that is necessary for the supervision of the implementation of the Act provided that the applicant has been informed thereof. A parent confirms this by his or her signature on the application form from the Maternity/Paternity Leave Fund indicating that Vinnumálastofnun - the Directorate of Labour - may obtain any necessary data from the registers of the Directorate of Inland Revenue for the implementation of the Act as this is a prerequisite for the eligibility of a parent to receive payments from the Maternity/Paternity Leave Fund and that data which the agency obtains in this manner will be used when supervising the implementation of the Act.

Paragraph 11 of Article 13 of the CPL Act states that a parent who is engaged in the domestic labour market and who is entitled to childbirth leave payments according to Article 8 but does not meet the requirements of paragraph 1 is entitled to childbirth subsidy under Article 18, cf. however paragraph 12 of Article 19. Payments from an employer to a parent who is taking childbirth leave, that are higher than the difference in the amount of the childbirth subsidy and the average total pay of the parent shall be deducted from the subsidy. The calculation of the average total pay should be based on the period two months before the month in which the child is born or the month when the child enters the home because of adoption or because of permanent fostering.

To be completed by the Maternity/Paternity Leave Fund

To be paid in accordance with this application:	
<input type="checkbox"/> to the applicant beginning _____	Application processed _____