

Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

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Important Note

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance for 2023 will open in June 2023.

If you automatically qualify for the 2023 Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance payment you will receive an award notification to your MyWelfare account or by post.

If you do not automatically qualify and have not received an award notification, you will need to apply for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance online at www.MyWelfare.ie

The closing date to apply for the 2023 Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is 30 September 2023.

What the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is a means-tested once-off payment aimed at helping families with the extra costs of clothing and footwear when children start school each autumn.

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance scheme is open from 1 June to 30 September each year.

How to qualify

To qualify for Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, you must meet the following conditions:

- you must be in receipt of a qualifying social protection payment or participating in an approved employment, education or training support scheme
- you must be in receipt of an increase for a qualified child (IQC) in respect of each child for whom the allowance is being claimed (except in certain circumstances)
- each child being claimed for must be:
aged between 4 and 17 or

aged between 18 and 22, and returning to second-level education in the autumn

- the [assessable income](#) for your household must be within a set [income limit](#)
- you and each child in respect of whom the allowance is claimed must be resident in the State

Rates of payment

Child's age	Rate
4 – 11	€160
12 – 22	€285

Remember, children between 18 and 22 years old must be in second-level education to qualify.