

# INFO SHEET: CHILD BENEFIT

## 1. WHAT IS CHILD BENEFIT?

Child benefit is a social security benefit. It is money received by parents for the care and education of their children.

How do you know if your child is entitled to child benefit? The general rule is: all children in Belgium are entitled to it. There are some conditions, such as being under 25. After that, child benefit is calculated based on your income and family situation. Finally, your personal situation may entitle you to additional payments.

## 2. HOW TO APPLY FOR CHILD BENEFIT IN BRUSSELS?

❖ With FAMIRIS:

### **Contact details:**

Postal address: Famiris - Rue de Trèves 70 PO Box 1 B-1000 Brussels

Reception: Rue de Trèves 70 B-1000 Brussels - 8:30 to 16:30

Telephone: 0800 35 950 every day from 8:00 to 16:30 (Monday from 8:00 to 12:00)

### **How?**

An application form does not generally need to be submitted. You can also request child benefit by telephone, e-mail, fax, letter or directly via the website: [www.famiris.brussels](http://www.famiris.brussels).

However, completing an application form (Annex 1), can speed up checks when the Belgian Child Benefit Office does not have all the information (birth allowance for a first birth, arrival in Belgium, etc.). You should therefore complete and return this application form to us as soon as possible.

### **Who should complete the application form?**

Both parents can claim child benefit for their child(ren).

### **To whom is child benefit paid?**

To the person raising the child, so usually to the mother. In case of co-maternity, child benefit is paid to the oldest mother.