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# Introduction to the Italian childbirth allowance

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# The Italian childbirth allowance

## Definition and amount of the allowance

The Italian 2015 Budget Law introduced an allowance for every child, adopted or temporarily entrusted between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

The allowance is provided for 3 years and its amount is related on the ISEE's value (Equivalent Economic Situation Indicator) calculated in reference to the child's household of reference:

If ISEE's value is  
lower than €  
25.000

The amount of the allowance is € 960 per year  
(€ 80 per month)



If ISEE's value is  
lower than €  
7.000

The amount of the allowance is € 1.920 per year  
(€ 160 per month)



# The Italian childbirth allowance

## Requirements

In addition to an ISEE's value lower than € 25.000, the other requirements are:

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### Italian or EU citizenship

*Note that Foreign citizens who have the status of **political refugee** or **subsidiary protection** are treated as equivalent to Italian citizens.*

*Application from non-EU citizens is allowed but more stricter (e.g. holding a **long-term resident's EU residence permit**)*

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**Italian residence** for the child's parent who applies for the allowance

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**Cohabitation with the child**, referred to the child's parent who applies for the allowance

# The Italian childbirth allowance

## *Application*

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Applications must be submitted through:



**INPS website;**



**INPS contact center;**



**intermediaries** licensed by INPS (free of charge for citizens).

The application must be submitted within **90 days** from child's birth or from the very first day the child enter in the household (for children put in foster home or adopted).

The application can be submitted only **once** but **ISEE must be sent every year**

All applications are managed by INPS.

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## Differences with the cash bonus in case of birth

### CHILDBIRTH ALLOWANCE

### CASH BONUS IN CASE OF BIRTH

#### Event

- ✓ Childbirth
- ✓ Adoption
- ✓ Temporary custody

- ✓ After the 7<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy
- ✓ Childbirth
- ✓ Adoption
- ✓ Pre-adoption custody

#### Time reference

- ✓ From 2015 to 2017, further extensions are under discussion by the Government

- ✓ From January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

#### Requirements

- ✓ The **ISEE's value** must be **lower than € 25.000**
- ✓ **both parents** can apply for it
- ✓ The parent who applies **must cohabit with the child**

- ✓ The benefit is provided **regardless of economic situation**
- ✓ It can be only requested **by child's mother**
- ✓ The benefit is provided **regardless of the cohabitation with the child**

#### Amount

- ✓ ISEE's value lower than € 25.000: **€ 960 per year** (€ 80 per month) for 3 years
- ✓ ISEE's value lower than € 7.000: **€ 1.920 per year** (€ 160 per month) for 3 years

- ✓ **€ 800** non recurring