



CHILD BENEFITS IN SPAIN

The only child benefits I am aware of are 100 euros a month, till the child reaches the age of 3, but only available for working mothers.

You apply for it with Hacienda, through form 'Modelo 140' so you can receive it upfront or you can apply for it through your annual tax return and it will be discounted from any taxes due.

It is available for both mothers working with a contract and self-employed mothers but there is a 'catch'.

The amount is a discount on IRPF retentions and is stated as a maximum of 1.200 euros a year. It should only be applied for if the IRPF retentions are higher than the offered discount.

For mothers that work on a fulltime contract this will not be a problem but Autonomo mothers should be aware that in order to apply for the discount on IRPF you must have paid over 100 euros worth of IRPF retentions and thus have billed sufficiently each and every month you apply for the discount. If this is not the case for a specific month, you should not apply for it, as this is seen as fraud.

Here's the link to the Hacienda website:

http://www.agenciatributaria.es/AEAT.internet/en_gb/Inicio/ Segmentos /Ciudadanos/Minimos reducciones y deducciones en el IRPF/Deducción por maternidad/Deducción por maternidad.shtml

Maternity leave is 16 weeks, when you resume work you are entitled to nursing time of 1 hour a day till baby reaches the age of 9 months. You

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can also take this time all at once, adding 15 working days to your maternity leave.

If you're pregnant with twins or triplets, the information from this FAQs topic on our website will be of interest to you too.

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.es/faq/twins-triplets-right-extra-maternity-leave-extra-one-off-payment/>

There's a website with useful information on additional official 'ayudas' for single/divorced parents.

<http://www.ayudasparados.com/?s=ayudas+para+madres+separadas>

And please consult the information provided on paternity leave on our website as well, Employment section of FAQs.

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