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How To Claim UIF Maternity Benefits

Workers on maternity leave must apply for benefits at their nearest labour centre in person or organise for someone to go in their place. They must take the necessary documents with them.

Claiming Maternity Benefits

If workers want to claim maternity benefits they must use the following steps:

Step 1: Get the documents ready

Before workers can claim, they must get the following documents ready:

- 13-digit bar-coded ID or passport;
- form UI-2.8 for banking details;
- form UI-2.7;
- form UI-2.3 (application form)
- medical certificate from a doctor or birth certificate of the baby; and
- form UI-4 (follow-up form).

Step 2: Go to the nearest labour centre

Pregnant workers must go to the nearest labour centre themselves and hand in the documents. If they are too ill, they can organise for someone else to go in their place. Staff at the labour centre will assist them with all the processes and give them more information.

Step 3: Follow all the instructions of the staff at the labour centre

Staff at the labour centre may ask pregnant workers to go to the doctor again or to visit the labour centre at certain times. Workers should do what they ask, or they may not be able to claim.

Related Links

- [Basic Guide to Maternity Leave](#)
The Basic Conditions of Employment Act gives pregnant workers the right to take maternity leave
- [Basic Guide to UIF Maternity Benefits](#)
Workers on maternity leave may claim for benefits from UIF.
- [Form UI-2.3 - Application for maternity benefits](#)
This application form is for claiming for maternity benefits.
- [Form UI-2.8 - Application to pay UIF benefits into banking account](#)
Application to pay UIF benefits into banking account
- [Form UI-4 - Application for continuation of payment for maternity benefits](#)
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