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Support for a child conceived without your consent

**Including rape or while you were in a
coercive or controlling relationship**

**Please note there is a separate form for Northern Ireland
claimants. This is for England, Scotland and Wales
claimants only.**

From 6 April 2017 support through Child Tax Credit, Universal Credit or Income Support payments will generally only be available for the first two children you are responsible for. Child Tax Credit will continue to pay for all children born before that date.

For the purposes of this form, by “child” we mean anyone aged under 16, or a young person aged under 20 who enrolled on, accepted or started full-time non-advanced education, such as A-levels, or approved training before they turned 19.

There are exceptions for further children and these are detailed at www.gov.uk/hmrc/ctc-exceptions

One of those exceptions applies where either:

- you did not, or could not, consent to the act that led to the conception of the child, or
- you were in a coercive or controlling relationship with the other parent of the child at or around the time of the conception.

In order to get this extra support, you must not be living with the other parent of the child. You will be asked to confirm this in this form.

Getting extra support

We can pay for any child conceived under these circumstances where they are the third or later child you are responsible for. If you think this applies to you, you can apply for this exception:

- through providing any available evidence of a conviction for rape or controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship, where this relates to the conception of your child, **or**
- through providing any available evidence of an award made under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme and the Northern Ireland Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme in respect of a relevant sexual offence, physical abuse or mental injury which you suffered, where this relates to the conception of your child, **or**
- by completing this form below and asking someone else to fill in part of it. This should be someone you have previously spoken to or are now speaking with in their professional capacity about the non-consensual act or coercive or controlling behaviour you experienced which relates to the conception of your child. This could be a healthcare professional, specialist support worker from an approved organisation as listed on GOV.UK, or a registered social worker. This is to give us the evidence we need to support you further. You do not need to tell the third party the name of the other parent. We will not ask you for other evidence and you do not have to report anything to the police.

The Government will handle the information you provide discreetly and confidentially, in line with its strict data protection rules. If you are eligible to receive this extra support, any future benefit notifications will not include the reason for the additional support for the child.

If you don't fill in and return the form

You may not receive additional benefit for a third or subsequent child unless one of the other exceptions applies. These are detailed at www.gov.uk/hmrc/ctc-exceptions

If you are a new claimant to Child Tax Credit you'll get the extra amount for any children born before 6 April 2017. Any third or subsequent children born after this date will not receive this extra amount unless one of the other exceptions applies to that child.

If you are having difficulties with this form see the **More information** section below.

More information

For more information on how to make a claim for this exception:

If you are claiming Universal Credit contact your Case Manager or Work Coach.

If you are claiming Child Tax Credit go to www.gov.uk/child-tax-credit for further information and guidance or call the Tax Credit Helpline on **0345 300 3900**.

If you are claiming Income Support go to www.gov.uk/income-support for further information and guidance.

Equality and diversity

We are committed to treating people fairly, regardless of their disability, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, transgender status, marital or civil partnership status, age, religion or beliefs. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

Definitions of terms used

What is non-consensual conception?

For this form, it means conception that results from an act to which the claimant did not agree by choice, or did not have the freedom or capacity to agree by choice. This can be where the claimant was raped, whether by a partner, someone they knew, or a stranger. It can also include circumstances in which at or around the time of conception the claimant was subject to repeated or continuous controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship.

What is a controlling or coercive behaviour?

Controlling or coercive behaviour is a type of domestic abuse or violence.

Coercive behaviour is an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim.

Controlling behaviour is a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.

Controlling or coercive behaviours might include :

- isolating a person from their friends and family
- depriving them of their basic needs
- monitoring their time
- monitoring a person via online communication tools or using spyware
- taking control over aspects of their everyday life, such as where they can go, who they can see, what to wear and when they can sleep
- depriving them of access to support services, such as specialist support or medical services
- repeatedly putting them down such as telling them they are worthless
- enforcing rules and activity which humiliate, degrade or dehumanise the victim
- forcing the victim to take part in criminal activity such as shoplifting, neglect or abuse of children to encourage self-blame and prevent disclosure to authorities
- financial abuse including control of finances, such as only allowing a person a punitive allowance
- threats to hurt or kill
- threats to a child
- threats to reveal or publish private information. For example, threatening to 'out' someone
- assault
- criminal damage (such as destruction of household goods)
- rape
- preventing a person from having access to transport or from working.

This is not an exhaustive list.

For this exception, the controlling or coercive behaviour must have had a serious effect on the claimant. This means that it caused someone to fear that violence will be used against them on at least two occasions; or caused them serious alarm or distress which had a substantial adverse effect on their usual day-to-day activities.

What is covered by “intimate or family relationship”?

To receive the exception due to controlling or coercive behaviour, the claimant must, at or around the time the child was conceived, have been personally connected with the person who is likely to be the child’s other parent. “Personally connected” covers situations where:

- they were in an intimate personal relationship with each other, whether or not they were living together
- they were living together in the same household and were members of the same family or had previously been in an intimate personal relationship with each other. Family members include a former partner or a relative such as a parent, step parent, sibling, step sibling. It can also include a relative of the claimant’s spouse or partner.

Please now speak to the professional third party so they can complete Parts 2 and 3.

There is third party guidance at

www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-a-child-conceived-without-your-consent

Part 2: Third party professional contact details

Name

Job title

Organisation

Address

 Postcode

I am a

- healthcare professional
- specialist support worker from an approved organisation
- registered social worker

Part 3: Third party professional declaration

I confirm that

The claimant (name)

- contacted me
- contacted my colleague (name)
- who is a (role)

on

 / /

regarding the circumstances surrounding the conception of their child (name)

who was born on

 / /

Part 3: Third party professional declaration continued

Based on the meeting(s) in the course of professional duties you or your colleague named above have had with the claimant, and any other relevant information available to you, please tick **all** of the following boxes which apply.

Please note

By ticking a box you are only confirming your understanding that the claimant's circumstances, as described by them, are consistent with the statement.

Non-consensual conception

- 1** The claimant's circumstances are consistent with it being likely that the claimant conceived through an act by another person to which the claimant did not agree by choice.
- 2** The claimant's circumstances are consistent with it being likely that the claimant conceived through an act by another person to which the claimant lacked the freedom or capacity to agree by choice.

If you have ticked box **1** or **2**, there is no need to fill in the **Control or coercion** section. Go straight to the signature section on the next page.

Control or coercion

- 3** At or around the time the child was conceived, another person was repeatedly or continuously engaging in behaviour towards the claimant that was controlling or coercive.

 - 4** At or around the time the child was conceived
 - a** the claimant and the other person were in an intimate personal relationship with each other.
 - b** the claimant and the other person were living together and were members of the same family.
 - c** the claimant and the other person were living together and had previously been in an intimate personal relationship with each other.
- 5** The behaviour mentioned in point 3 above
 - a** caused the claimant to fear, on at least two occasions, that violence would be used against them.
 - b** caused the claimant serious alarm or distress, which had a substantial adverse effect on the claimant's day to day activities.
- 6** The claimant's circumstances are consistent with that other person being the parent of the above child

Now please sign on the next page.

Part 3: Third party professional declaration continued

Third party signature:

Signature

Date

Authentication

For example, professional registration number, agency reference number or administration stamp.

HM Revenue and Customs or DWP may contact you to confirm authentication.

What to do now

What you do with the form now depends which benefit you are claiming.

Child Tax Credits

Send the form to

Exceptions

HM Revenue and Customs

BX9 1HZ

You may wish to ask for a proof of posting.

Universal Credit

Give the form to your Work Coach or as directed by your Case Manager.

Income support

Give the form to your Work Coach or send it to the address they tell you.