

# Alberta Child Benefit and Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit

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## What is the Alberta Child Benefit (ACB)?

The Government of Alberta's ACB provides direct financial assistance to lower-income families – helping them make ends meet and support a better quality of life for their children.

## What is the Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit (AFETC)?

- The AFETC provides direct financial assistance to low- and middle-income working families with children.

## Is my family eligible to receive the ACB and the AFETC?

- Lower-income families (net income below \$43,260 per year) with children, including those receiving AISH and Income Support, are eligible to receive ACB.
- The AFETC is provided to low- and middle-income working families. Families must earn at least \$2,760 in employment income to receive the credit. Benefits begin to be reduced once a family's net income exceeds \$43,302.

- You must be a resident of Alberta, file a tax return and be a parent of one or more children under the age of 18.



## How do I apply for these programs?

- You must file a tax return to be eligible.
- You will automatically be enrolled for both the ACB and AFETC if you have enrolled for the federal government's Canada Child Benefit.

### Need a hand with your tax return?

Community organizations host free tax clinics to prepare returns for eligible lower-income taxpayers.

Visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/free-tax-help.html>

## How much assistance will my family receive?

- The benefit amount your family receives depends on your household income and how many children you have.
- The maximum annual ACB is \$1,155 per year for one child, and up to \$2,886 for four or more children.
- The maximum annual AFETC is \$801 for one child, and up to \$2,112 for four or more children.



## Can you provide an example of how the benefits will work?

- A single parent who makes \$25,000 per year in employment/working income, with two children under age 18 would be eligible for \$3,262 in total benefits from the two programs (\$1,732 ACB + \$1,530 AFETC).

## When and how will my family receive these benefits?

- Families will receive the ACB in four payments: August, November, February and May.
- Families will receive the AFETC in two payments: July and January.

## Are these benefits taxable?

- No. Both the ACB and AFETC are non-taxable benefits.
- The ACB and AFETC are refundable, meaning a household can receive the benefit even if they do not owe provincial income taxes.

## Do these benefits affect my eligibility for AISH, Income Support or Child Care Subsidy?

- No. The ACB and AFETC do not affect eligibility or benefit amounts for AISH, Income Support or Child Care Subsidy.

## Why is the Alberta government providing these programs?

- The ACB and AFETC help families provide a better quality of life for their children, support their well-being and give children opportunities to reach their potential. These programs help make lives better for Albertans by helping address child poverty.

### For more information:

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