

Alberta Child Benefit and Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit

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.
- The AFETC was established in 2016, which increased the credit for some families and allowed more families to receive it.

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

- All lower-income families (net income below \$42,255 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 \$42,287.

- 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 much is being provided through the two programs?

- Together, the ACB and AFETC are estimated to provide about \$328 million to Alberta families in 2018-19.

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 <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/vlntr/clncs/ab-eng.html>

For more information, visit alberta.ca/alberta-child-benefit

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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 \$1,128 per year for one child, and up to \$2,820 for four or more children.
- The maximum annual AFETC is \$783 for one child, and up to \$2,064 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 \$3,187 in total benefits from the two programs (\$1,692 ACB + \$1,495 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 to address child poverty.

For more information:

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