

# MATERNITY CHEQUE: CAN YOU CLAIM IT?

## What is maternity cheque

Maternity cheque is a financial contribution for mothers who do not receive an Inps allowance, or whose maternity allowance is lower than the allowance and whose Isee is below 19,185.13 euros.

## You can apply for the cheque if:

- you are a new mother, not working and live in the Municipality of Bologna
- you have adopted or had pre-adoptive fostering of a child aged 6 years or under (or 18 years in the case of international adoption or fostering)
- you are a working mother, but you are not entitled to an INPS allowance or maternity pay
- the Isee value of your household for 2023 is less than or equal to €19,185.13 (if the child's parents are not married to each other and are not cohabiting, you must submit the Isee minor).

## Requirements:

### The requirements to apply are:

- ° to be Italian or EU citizens (with citizenship of an EU country) resident in Italy at the time of birth or entry into the family of the adopted/fostered child
- ° being non-EU citizens who fall into one of these categories:
  - holder of an EC long-term residence permit;
  - holder of a residence permit issued for the purpose of employment lasting more than six months
  - holder of a residency permit issued for purposes other than employment, which allows work and authorises residency in Italy for periods of more than six months.

## When to apply

The application must be submitted within 6 months after the birth of the child or the adoption/foster care of the child

## How does it work?

- 1 Prepare the documents
- 2 Submit the application online
- 3 Wait for the outcome
- 4 Receive the transfer

## Required documents

- 1 valid household Isee
- 2 applicant's bank details
- 3 Residence permit (for non-EU mothers)

## Documents to be attached in certain specific cases

°Non-EU citizens: copy of the valid residence permit of the mother applying (if expired, attach the renewal receipt). If it is not the mother who is applying (for example, for mothers who are minors), two residence permits must be attached: that of the mother and that of the family member who is applying

°Single-parent households: for households in which both parents are not present, documentation is required regarding the exclusion of one of the parents from the Isee declaration.  
°Custodial mothers: documentation proving custody of the child.

## **Amount of the allowance**

For 2023 the allowance is €1917.30

## **Working mothers with lower maternity allowance**

The amount of the allowance will be recalculated on the basis of your income until it reaches a total of €1917.30. Example: if you receive EUR 500 in allowance, the maternity allowance paid will be EUR 1417.30 (1917.30-500).

## **How to apply?**

Apply online (the form is active every day from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.).

To apply, you have to access the [following link](#) and fill in the form