

5.1.16 Child Benefit for Children In Care

Children in care do not qualify for Child Benefit. The payment can continue to be paid to claimants for up to 8 weeks after their child becoming looked after. After this time the claim should be stopped, and the HMRC rely on claimants to inform them of this. However, the notification has been unreliable and resulted in some claimants being pursued by the HMRC for many thousands of pounds that they have erroneously claimed. See this letter from the Child Benefit office [Child Benefit office letter](#)

To make the form easier and quicker to complete for your staff, eliminate postage and stationery costs, reduce the risk of completed notifications being lost or delayed in the postal service and improve overall customer waiting times we're replacing the current print and post CH193 with an electronic version which will be available on the HMRC website from Monday 4 February 2013. Although we're asking for identical data, you will now be able to complete the form online and submit directly to the Local Authority Processing Team in HMRC via a secure email link shown below:

<https://online.hmrc.gov.uk/shortforms/form/CH193?dept-name=&sub-dept-name=&location=43&origin=http://www.hmrc.gov.uk>