

Tax Credits Renewal Deadline - 31 July

HMRC is urging people to renew their tax credits claim before the 31 July deadline. Failure to renew by this deadline will mean that payments will stop, and money received since 6 April will have to be repaid.

Tax credit renewal packs were sent out in April/May. If you haven't received your pack yet contact the tax credits helpline urgently on 0345 300 3900.

If your pack has a red line across the first page and says 'reply now' you will need to renew your tax credits. If it has a black line and says 'check now' you will need to check your details are correct. If your details are correct, you do not need to do anything, and your tax credits will be automatically renewed.

When you renew your claim, you must tell HMRC about any changes to your circumstances that you haven't already reported. These include changes in living circumstances, childcare costs stop or go down by £10 or more per week, and if your working hours fall below or go above the minimum required to qualify. There are many more changes to consider, for a full list visit www.gov.uk/changes-affect-tax-credits

Such changes should really be reported within one month to make sure that you get everything you are entitled to. Payments can't usually be backdated any further than this. Be aware that you could

be fined up to £300 if you do not report certain changes within 1 month - and up to £3,000 if you give wrong information. It is also important to make HMRC aware if you change your bank details, address, or childcare provider.



If you don't have accurate figures for you and your partner's (if applicable) income at the time of renewal you can use estimated ones, but you must provide the actual figures by 31 January 2023.

There are numerous ways to renew your tax credits. The most popular is to use the HMRC online service. This method only takes around six minutes on average, depending on your circumstances. It is also possible to use the HMRC app to renew your tax credits as well.

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