

Tax Relief for additional healthcare expenses for a child

Detailed information on claiming tax relief on additional healthcare expenses for a child is available from the [Revenue](#) website

You can claim tax relief for additional health expenses if the healthcare is for a child. Additional healthcare expenses are things such as overnight accommodation and travel that you may have to pay for when your child is ill. You can claim for a child under 18, or over 18 if they are in full-time education.

Additional healthcare expenses for children with cancer qualify for this relief.

Overnight accommodation

You can claim relief on the cost of overnight accommodation if you are the parents or guardians of the child. To qualify, your overnight stay must be necessary for your child's treatment. The accommodation must be near the hospital where your child is being treated.

Travel

You may claim relief for the cost of transporting your child to and from hospital. You may also claim for transport to visit your child, if this is essential to the child's treatment. You must have proof that these visits are necessary.

Other expenses

You can also claim tax relief on the following expenses related to your child's healthcare:

- Telephone rental and call expenses
- Hygiene products and special clothing
- Travelling abroad for treatment – travel and accommodation expenses

How to claim

To claim these health expenses, you will need to complete your tax return form. It is important to keep receipts of your expenses in order to claim tax relief. Detailed information is available from the [Revenue](#) website.

Remember, any claim must be made within 4 years of the end of the tax year that you had the additional healthcare expenses you're claiming for. You can ask your medical social worker or local [Citizens Information Centre](#) for more advice.