

Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSCFA) helps families to meet the cost of uniforms and footwear for children going to school.

The BTSCFA scheme is open for applications between 21 June 2021 and 30 September 2021.

The BTSCFA is paid automatically to many families in the week beginning 12 July 2021. If you are paid automatically, you don't need to apply. You will get a letter before 21 June 2021 to let you know that you will be paid automatically.

Who can apply?

You may qualify for the BTSCFA if you are:

- Getting a social welfare payment including Working Family Payment, Back to Work Family Dividend or COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment.
- Taking part in a back to work scheme
- Taking part in a recognized education or training course

Your child must be aged between 4-17 on 30 September. If they are aged between 18-22, they must be in full-time education.

What is the rate of payment?

Age of child	Rate of payment
Eligible child aged 4-11	€150
Eligible child aged 12-22	€250

How do I apply?

If you do not receive a letter by 21 June 2021 confirming that you will receive the BTSCFA, you must apply online using www.MyWelfare.ie

If you cannot apply online, contact the BTSCFA section on 071.91.93318 or 0818.11.11.13

The closing date for applications is 30 September 2021.

We won't give up until cancer does



The information above is an overview of the Back to School Allowance Scheme

For detailed information, applicants are advised to:

- Visit [Citizens Information](#) online
- Call Citizens Information on 0761 07 4000 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 8pm
- Visit your local [Citizens Information](#) office
- Call our Cancer Support Line on Freephone 1800 200 700 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm
- Contact your Medical Social Worker