

## 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 and 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. You cannot claim relief for car parking fees.

### Travelling abroad

If your child needs to travel abroad for healthcare that is not available in Ireland, you can claim tax relief for the cost of healthcare, reasonable accommodation and travel expenses for the child and a parent accompanying the child.

### 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

### How to claim

To claim these health expenses, you will need to complete your tax return form.

You can only claim relief on health expenses after the year has ended. You can claim relief on the last four year's health expenses.

We won't give up until cancer does



It is important to keep receipts of your expenses in order to claim tax relief. If you have private health insurance, you can claim tax relief on the portion of medical expenses not covered by your insurer.

#### **PAYE taxpayer**

If you are a PAYE taxpayer, you can use the Revenue online MyAccount service to complete an Income Tax Return or you can contact the Revenue office.

Detailed information is available from the [Revenue](#) website.

If you are jointly assessed, it is the assessable spouse or nominated civil partner who needs to apply.

The majority of people who claim this relief online receive their tax refund, if due, in five working days.

#### **Self-Assessed taxpayer**

If you are self-assessed, sign into ROS and complete the health expenses section on your annual Income Tax Return (Form 11)

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.

**The above is an overview only. You are advised to visit [Revenue.ie](#) for more detailed information before making a claim.**

You can also ask your medical social worker or local [Citizens Information Centre](#) for more advice.