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Eligibility

In order to qualify for a childbirth allowance, the following conditions must be met:

- the child in question must have been born;
- the claimant must be domiciled and resident in Slovakia.

'Residence' here means the place where the most important interests of the claimant and the child are concentrated. This is judged on the basis of objective criteria, particularly the duration of residence, gainful employment, compulsory public health insurance, healthcare provision, living within a family, pre-school attendance and compulsory education.

The childbirth allowance is granted as a **lump sum** when a child is born to a claimant permanently resident in Slovakia.

In the case of a **multiple birth, each child is entitled** to the childbirth allowance.

Claimants **do not qualify** for the childbirth allowance if:

- they have not entered into an agreement on the provision of general outpatient care for the child;
- prior to claiming the childbirth allowance, they agreed to let the child be adopted;
- at least one of their children born before the birth of the child for which they are claiming the childbirth allowance has been placed in non-parental care;
- the child was born abroad and the competent institution of the country of birth has paid the claimant an allowance or other benefit of the same type.
- they are a minor and a court has denied them the parental responsibility to take personal care of the child;
- from the fourth month of pregnancy until the birth, they have not attended monthly check-ups by a doctor specialising in gynaecology and obstetrics or similar examinations abroad. If claimants (who are the mother of the child) are hospitalised, they are considered to have attended a check-up in the month in which they are hospitalised;
- after giving birth, they leave the healthcare facility without the consent of the healthcare provider (this applies to claimants who are the mother of the child).

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