Claiming UIF maternity benefits

Before workers can claim, they must get the following documents ready:

•13-digit bar-coded ID or passport;

•form UI-2.8 for banking details;

•form UI-2.7;

•form UI-2.3 (application form)

•medical certificate from a doctor or birth certificate of the baby; and.

•form UI-4 (follow-up form).

You’ll need 8 different documents to apply for UIF Maternity benefits:

1. Your 2 most recent payslips

2. A bank statement

3. Identification

Your original ID or passport or a certified copy.

4. Banking Details

To have the money paid directly into your bank account, download and complete form UI-2.8.

5. A record of monies received by a worker whilst in employment

Download form UI-2.7. This needs to be completed by your employer.

6. Application Form

To apply for South African UIF Maternity benefits, download and complete application form UI-2.3.

7. Medical Certificate

Collect a medical certificate or the baby's birth certificate from your doctor.

8. Follow-up form

Download and complete form UI-4. This application form will allow for the continuation of payment of maternity benefits.

Where do you go to claim UIF maternity benefits in South Africa?

You need to go to a labour centre nearest to you to submit the aforementioned documents. If you’re unable to go, send the documents with a close friend or family member.

Sometimes, the labour centre’s staff asks the mother to revisit the doctor or requests she revisits the labour centre at a later stage.

How much are you entitled to if you claim UIF maternity benefits in South Africa?

You should receive between 38% and 58% of your gross salary per month.

For every 6 months you’ve worked, you will be entitled to 1 - 4 months. Don’t worry, if you have changed jobs in the last 4 years. You previous employer just needs to complete a UI.19 form in order for you to receive the maximum credit of 4 months UIF payment.