

Benefits - Scotland

Refugees living in Scotland are entitled to all social security benefits administrated by the UK Government and the Scottish Government.

In Scotland, as well as benefits provided by the Department for Work and Pensions, such as Universal Credit and by HMRC, such as Child Benefit, there are a range of new benefits provided by the Scottish Social Security Agency that can be accessed by the refugees you have sponsored.

These include payments for supporting new babies and children. Support for those starting new jobs, help with the costs of funerals and support for young carers.

There are also crisis payments available from the Social Welfare Fund for those who are experiencing crisis like destitution due to benefit delays. This can be accessed through the local authority which the family you are sponsoring live in.

These types of support are specific to Scotland and are not available in England or Wales. You should make sure when looking for support for those you are supporting that you consult agencies based in Scotland. You can find more information here.