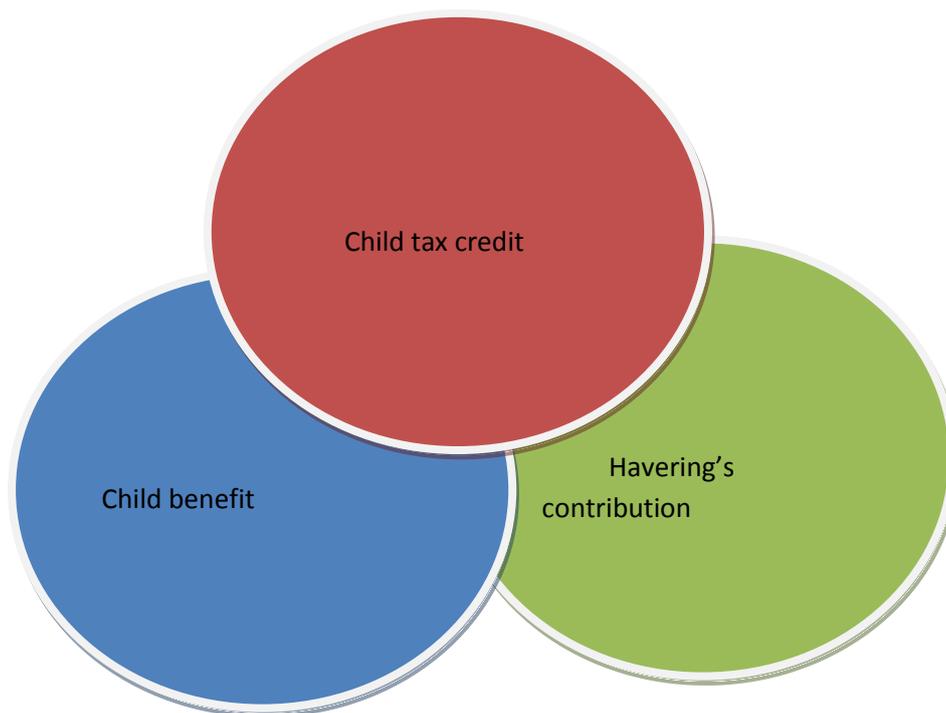


THE WAY FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS CALCULATED in Special Guardianship cases.

Havering has four bands of payments and the table is as follows:

Age Band	Total
0-4	£163.00
5-10	£186.00
11-15	£231.00
16-18	£281.00

The money you receive comes from three different sources, child tax credit, child benefit and the contribution from Havering. The amount that each agency contributes may vary from year to year. Havering has a duty under the Special Guardianship regulations to carry out an annual means tested review for financial support to ensure you receive the correct amount of money. Havering's contribution will go up or down, according to the child tax credit and child benefit going up or down. **The sum of financial support you receive remains the same as in the table above.** The means test, however, may reduce this.



You are required to apply for child benefit child tax credit immediately after the child is placed with you. We will deduct £63.37, the maximum sum of child tax credit you might be receiving from HMRC as well as child benefit, from the point the child lives with you. Child benefit is a universal payment; we know how much you will receive, however, child tax credit payments vary. Once you supply us with the original documentation from the relevant benefit agencies, we will re-adjust payments immediately. You should have this within two months of application.