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## Payment

The office of Labour, social affairs and family pays the allowance to a beneficiary who has applied for it and qualifies for it. It is paid for the whole calendar month, even if the beneficiary qualifies for the allowance for only part of the month. The allowance is only paid once per calendar month for any one child.

Rules of the payment:

- the allowance is paid monthly in arrears, by the end of the calendar month following each calendar month in which the claimant qualifies for the allowance;
- it is paid into the beneficiary's account at a bank or at a branch of a foreign bank that is licensed to operate as a bank in Slovakia. Alternatively, at the beneficiary's request, the allowance is paid in cash;
- if the beneficiary makes a written request for a change in the way that the allowance is paid, the office of Labour, social affairs and family is obliged to comply with that request:
- the allowance is not paid to a country that is not an EU Member State, a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or the Swiss Confederation.

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