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Does this dependant live with you?

Your answer to this question helps us determine if you're eligible to claim certain dependant-related deductions and credits on your return, including:

- Eligible dependant amount
- Canada caregiver tax credit*
- Disability transfer
- Tuition transfer

*Starting in 2017, the [Canada caregiver amount](#) has replaced the family caregiver amount, the infirm dependant credit, and the caregiver credit.

Other information, like the age of your dependant, will be used to calculate amounts like your

GST/HST credit or your Working Income Tax Benefit (WITB).

To be considered eligible, a dependant is typically someone who:

- Is a child under 18, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, niece, nephew, aunt, or uncle (of yourself or your spouse or common-law partner), or someone who is mentally or physically infirm
- Is related to you by blood, marriage, or adoption
- Lived with you in Canada in a home that you maintained

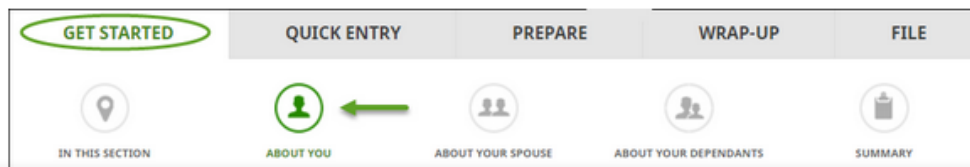
Remember, if you share custody of your dependant with someone else, only one parent can claim the deductions mentioned above.

Where do I claim this?



Follow these steps in H&R Block's 2017 tax software:

1. Under the **GET STARTED** tab, click the **ABOUT YOU** icon then click the **Your family** link.
2. Answer **Yes** to the question, **Do you have dependants?** then click **Continue**.



Your personal information Your mailing address Your residence **Your family**

Let's talk about your family

What was your marital status on December 31, 2017? [LEARN MORE](#) Married ▾

At any time in 2017, did you and your spouse or common-law partner separate and then get back together? [LEARN MORE](#) Yes No






At any time in 2017, did you and your spouse or common-law partner live apart from one another and, because of this separation you either **weren't supporting them** or **being supported by them**? [LEARN MORE](#) Yes No

At any time in 2017, did you live apart from your spouse or common-law partner for medical reasons? [LEARN MORE](#) Yes No

Did your marital status change in 2017? * [LEARN MORE](#) Yes No

Do you have any dependants? * [LEARN MORE](#) Yes No

3. Click the **ABOUT YOUR DEPENDANTS** icon. You'll find yourself here:

GET STARTED	QUICK ENTRY	PREPARE	WRAP-UP	FILE
				
IN THIS SECTION	ABOUT YOU	ABOUT YOUR SPOUSE	ABOUT YOUR DEPENDANTS	SUMMARY
Your dependants				

4. Enter your dependant's information into the spaces provided on the page. Before you click **Continue**, make sure you answered **Yes** to the question, **Does this dependant live with you?**.

How do I claim credits for dependants that live with me?



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