

# Who is eligible for parental leave in Slovenia?

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**Parental leave in Slovenia is:**

- € Paid: The amount of the benefit varies between 10% and 100% of minimum wage, depending on parental protection insurance paid by the parents.
- 8.7 months
- Part of the leave is transferable and part of the leave is an individual right.

**Almost all women and men in employment are eligible for parental leave.**

This factsheet is based on an eligibility study of how many women and men aged 20-49 would be eligible for parental leave if they had a child in 2017 and the reasons behind their non-eligibility (% for Slovenia, it is not possible to compile all the conditions that apply due to data restrictions).

Self-employed parents are not eligible for parental leave.

Eligibility for parental leave in Slovenia depends on parents' contribution to Parental Protection Insurance. The insurance covers all workers, both the employees and the self-employed.

With the exception of same-sex parents, all employed parents who are covered by the Parental Protection Insurance at least for one day before childbirth are eligible for parental leave in Slovenia.

**Who is eligible for parental leave in Slovenia?**

- ✓ Employees
- ✓ Self-employed
- ✗ Same-sex parents
- ✓ Non-citizens (\*)

In the EU-28 (%):

- ✗ 15 countries restrict access to employees with short working duration before birth year Slovenia
- ✗ The self-employed are not eligible in 10 countries that Slovenia
- ✗ 11 countries do not allow access for same-sex parents (including Slovenia)
- ✗ 11 limit access to refugees or asylum seekers post-Slovenia

(\*) Member States for lesbian couples, refugees and asylum seekers where this applies are: Austria, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Czechia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Belgium, Luxembourg, Slovenia, and the Netherlands. (\*\*) The data is available before the child's birth year.

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