Welcome to the Child Benefit (General) Regulations 2006, which define the conditions for being a Qualifying Young Person, adopted by the Child Support Legislation as defining who is a qualifying child ... a piece of drafting stunning through its complexity.

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| ***You will continue to be a CSA child whilst you are:*** | ***And*** | ***Provided*** | ***And provided***  | ***Note*** |
| Before your 20th birthday  | ***3(2)(a)*** Doing a full time non-advanced course at a school or college***3(2)(b)***Or you have done such a course and are enrolled to do another such a course | **3(4)** You began the course before you were 19 | ***8*** You are not in receipt of* Income support
* Income based JSA
* Incapacity benefit
* Tax credits
 | The end of qualification is the first to occur of the following after the end of education/ exams (***7(2)(1.2)**** Last day feb
* Last day may
* Last day aug
* Last day nov

But it ends earlier if * the QYP is in remunerated work
* the QYP reaches 20 (***7(2)(1.1)***
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| ***3(2)(c)***Or doing training otherwise then under a contract of employment |  |
| ***6*** ie you have a good excuse such as illness, interrupting what otherwise would have qualified; and ... | ... ***6(4)*** You are not about to go * Into work
* Or to do advanced education
 | This only extends for up to 6 months |
| Before your 18th birthday  | ***5(2)*** Though not in education, you are* Registered for work or education or training (but only with MOD, careers service or library! See ***5(4)***
* But not actually in remunerative work
 | ***5(e&f)***The person responsible for you applied for CB to be paid during the extension period | ***5(3)*** This will only extend CB for 20 weeks |
| Before your 17th birthday | ***4*** Even if out of education ... |  |  | ... but this only gives cover to the 31st August following |

 **So it seems:**

1. **You are always in till you are 16**
2. **School leavers after GCSEs fall out on the 31st August**
3. **Those who have done A levels and are heading towards university OR are doing a gap year will fall out on the 31st August following too**
4. **Otherwise, what you need to show is that you are under 20 and:**
	1. **you are in secondary education or are going back to it or**
	2. **are on certain sorts of government training (and check whether you meet the other requirements)**
	3. **or have been interrupted in either.**