

Adult Disability Payment opens for applications

From Monday 29 August, people will be able to apply for Social Security Scotland's new benefit, Adult Disability Payment.

It is money to help disabled people or people who have a long-term health condition with the extra costs they have in everyday life.

It replaces Personal Independence Payment and Disability Living Allowance for adults in Scotland that were previously delivered by the Department for Work and Pensions.

The national rollout follows a successful pilot in 13 local authority areas.

People can apply if they:

- have a disability or long term health condition, or are terminally ill
- are 16 years old or over and have not yet reached State Pension age

It does not matter if they are working or not working, their income and any savings are not considered.

Adult Disability Payment is open for new applications only. People who already get Personal Independence Payment or Disability Living Allowance don't need to apply. Their benefits will start to be transferred to Social Security Scotland from 29th August. Social Security Scotland will contact people in advance.

People can find out more information and apply at mygov.scot or call Social Security Scotland on 0800 182 2222.