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### **Adult Disability Payment pilot opens for applications**

From Monday 21 March, people who live in Dundee City, Perth and Kinross, and the Western Isles 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.

Adult Disability Payment is being introduced through a phased approach from March 2022.

- Phase One takes place in Perth and Kinross, City of Dundee and the Western Isles from 21 March 2022.
- Phase Two takes place in Perth and Kinross, City of Dundee, the Western Isles, Angus, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire from 20 June 2022.
- Phase Three takes place in Perth and Kinross, City of Dundee, the Western Isles, Angus, North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire, Fife, City of Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Moray, North Ayrshire, East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire from 25 July 2022.

The payment will be rolled out across the whole of Scotland from August.

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
- live in one of the three pilot areas

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

The pilot is open for new applications only. People in these areas 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 summer 2022. Social Security Scotland will contact people in advance.

People living within Dundee, Perth and Kinross and the Western Isles can find out more information and apply at [mygov.scot](https://mygov.scot) or call Social Security Scotland on 0800 182 2222.