



Social Security Scotland
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Adult Disability Payment for people who are terminally ill



[mygov.scot](https://www.mygov.scot)

This leaflet has been designed to explain what disability assistance is available to you.

Adult Disability Payment

Adult Disability Payment will provide you with financial support if you have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

It is made up of two parts: a daily living component and a mobility component.

It is available for new applicants aged between 16 and state pension age.

How to apply

We have made the application process as easy as possible to complete. We'll only ask you for the information we need to make a decision about your application.

In the application you'll be asked for some details about you. You'll be able to send us the Benefits Assessment under Special Rules In Scotland (BASRiS) form or DS1500 form if you have it or we can request this from your healthcare provider if you ask us to.

If you would like to talk your application through with someone, you can speak to one of our specially trained Client Advisors by calling our freephone number 0800 182 2222.

Or you can apply online at mygov.scot/benefits, by post, through a local face-to-face appointment or by phone.

What is a Benefits Assessment under Special Rules in Scotland (BASRiS) form?

If a doctor or nurse decides that you have a terminal illness, they can complete this form. This means that we can fast track your application for Adult Disability Payment when we get the form.

This form can then be used to let us know that a person is terminally ill when applying for disability benefits.

When we receive your application

Once an application is successfully completed:

- you will automatically get the highest award for daily living
- you will automatically get the highest rate for mobility
- your award will be ongoing without needing a review
- you will receive Adult Disability Payment no matter how long you have been ill
- your award will be calculated from the date we receive your application or the date terminal illness was diagnosed on the BASRiS form, whichever is earliest.

How long will this take?

Your application will be fast-tracked and dealt with by our specially trained staff. We will send a letter with our decision.

Getting a second opinion on a diagnosis

You can seek a second opinion if you disagree with the clinical opinion. Find out more about the Charter of Patients' Rights and Responsibilities by going to gov.scot and searching for patients' rights.

Can I apply for any related benefits?

You may also qualify for related benefits, services and premiums. For more information, go to mygov.scot/adult-disability-payment

How do I find out more and apply?

You can find out more information and apply online at mygov.scot/benefits. You can apply over the phone or ask for a paper application form by post by calling **0800 182 2222**.

Do you need support from an advocate?

VoiceAbility independent advocacy service supports disabled people when applying for Social Security Scotland benefits. Contact VoiceAbility for free on **0300 303 1660** or by visiting www.voiceability.org.

You may also be eligible for other benefits. Make sure you're not missing out by speaking to the **Citizens Advice Scotland Money Talk Team** on **0800 085 7145**.

How to contact us?



Call us free on: 0800 182 2222



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