



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



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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. Alongside this, your doctor or healthcare practitioner should also complete the Benefits Assessment under Special Rules (BASRiS) form and submit it to us.

You can ask them to do this or we can request it from them if you ask us to do so,

If they have already completed a DS1500 or SR1 form, we will accept that.

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?

A BASRiS form is used by doctors and nurses to let Social Security Scotland know that someone is terminally ill. This means we can fast-track their application.

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?

People can find out more and apply online at mygov.scot/benefits. People can also apply in person, over the phone or ask for a paper application form by post by calling us free on **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.



There are many people worrying about the cost of living. You are not alone. To learn what help you might be entitled to, please visit gov.scot/costoflivingsupport.

How to contact us?



Call us free on: 0800 182 2222



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