



Social Security
Scotland

Tèarainteachd Shòisealta Alba

Adult Disability Payment for people who are terminally ill



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

We will fast-track your application and give you the highest rate of the benefit.

Your eligibility is not affected by how long you ago you were diagnosed as terminally ill or your life expectancy.

It is available to people aged between 16 and state pension age.

How to apply

We have made the application process as easy as possible.

All we need is:

- a shortened Adult Disability Payment application form that asks only for basic information
- confirmation of your diagnosis from a registered doctor or nurse involved in your care or diagnosis.

The form your doctor or nurse should complete and submit to us is the Benefits Assessment under Special Rules (BASRiS) form. We can also request it from them on your behalf if you ask us to.

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

When we receive your application

Once an application is successfully completed:

- you will automatically get the highest rate for daily living and mobility
- your award will be ongoing without needing a review
- your award will be calculated from the date we receive your application or the date the BASRIS form says you were diagnosed, 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**. Or visit your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

How to contact us?



Call us free on: 0800 182 2222



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