



Social Security Scotland  
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# Disability assistance for terminally ill children



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At a time when your thoughts will be focused on your child, this leaflet has been designed to explain what disability assistance is available to you and your family.

## **Child Disability Payment**

Child Disability Payment will provide you with financial support if you are caring for a child under 16 who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Child Disability Payment is made up of two parts: a care component and a mobility component.

The mobility part of Child Disability Payment is only available to children aged 3 and over.

## **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 the child's application.

In the application you'll be asked for some details about you and the child and you'll be able to send us the Benefits Assessments under Special Rules In Scotland form or DS1500 form if you have it. We can request this from the child's 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](https://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 form?**

If a doctor or nurse decides that a child or young has a terminal illness, they can complete this form. This means that we can fast track their application for Child 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:

- they will automatically get the highest award for care
- they will automatically get the highest rate for mobility if the child is 3 years old or over
- their award will be ongoing without needing a review
- they will receive Child Disability Payment no matter how long the child has been ill
- their award will be calculated from the date we receive your application or the date terminal illness was 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 clinical opinion that the child is not terminally ill. Find out more about the Charter of Patients' Rights and Responsibilities by going to [mygov.scot](http://mygov.scot) and searching for patients rights.

## How do I find out more and apply?

You can apply online at [mygov.scot/benefits](http://mygov.scot/benefits), by post, through a local face-to-face appointment or via our freephone helpline on 0800 182 2222.

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

## How to contact us



Call us free on: 0800 182 2222



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