



Social Security Scotland  
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# Child Disability Payment is replacing Disability Living Allowance for children in Scotland

## **What is happening?**

In Scotland, Disability Living Allowance for children is being replaced by Child Disability Payment. Clients will receive payments from Social Security Scotland and will no longer be with the Department for Work and Pensions.

Clients currently in receipt of Disability Living Allowance for children do not need to apply for Child Disability Payment and will not be reassessed. Their award will be transferred automatically.

## **Will people have a choice?**

People cannot choose for their award to remain with the Department for Work and Pensions. Certain benefits, like this one, are transferring to Social Security Scotland as part of Scottish Devolution.

## **Will it impact payments?**

It will not impact the amount of money people get. People will get the same amount, to the same account as they get their payments right now. The payment date will be Wednesday

## **What are the timings for transfer?**

We aim to have all Scottish Disability Living Allowance for children awards transferred by spring 2023 with the few remaining cases transferring shortly after.

## **How will they know to expect this change?**

We will write to people in advance to tell them when to expect this change to happen.

It will take about three months to transfer someone's award.

We will write to people once the transfer is complete. This will tell people when their Child Disability Payment award begins and when to expect to start getting their payments from Social Security Scotland.

## What if people's circumstances change in this time?

If anything changes ahead of people getting confirmation of their award of Child Disability Payment, they must contact the Department for Work and Pensions as soon as possible by calling 0800 121 4600.

## What about Motability leases?

We will become responsible for making payments to Motability on completion of transfer. Motability knows that we will be taking over payments from the Department for Work and Pensions. If only part of the mobility component is used for the lease, the child will continue to be paid the remaining benefit.

## What if the child is terminally ill?

Clients who are terminally ill will be prioritised for transfer. Terminally ill clients who receive Child Disability Payment are automatically entitled to the highest rate of the care component and the higher rate mobility component.

## What will happen to related benefits?

Entitlement to related benefits and services will not be affected by the transfer. For more information, go to [mygov.scot/child-disability-payment/related-benefits](https://mygov.scot/child-disability-payment/related-benefits).

## What if clients are close to their DWP renewal?

People who wish to have their awards transferred should continue to follow any instructions from the DWP to maintain their Disability Living Allowance for children award until their transfer process has finished and their Child Disability Payment award has begun. This includes completing renewal forms and reporting any relevant changes to the Department for Work and Pensions.

People can end their Disability Living Allowance for children claim and apply for Child Disability Payment if they wish, but they will not be guaranteed to receive the same amount of money after applying for Child Disability Payment and this may also lead to a break in their payments.

You can find our more information about the transfer process by going to [mygov.scot/benefit-transfer](https://mygov.scot/benefit-transfer). Or you can call us free on 0800 182 2222.

## How can people contact us?



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