



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 and at the same time as they get their payments right now.

What are the timings for transfer?

The first Disability Living Allowance for children awards to be selected for transfer will be for clients about to turn 16 and under 18, and those with a terminal illness, starting from autumn 2021. This will be followed by the remaining awards from spring 2022. We aim to have all Scottish Disability Living Allowance for children awards transferred by spring 2023.

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.

You can find our more information about the transfer process by going to mygov.scot/benefit-transfer

Or you can call us free on 0800 182 2222.