

Child Disability Payment

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What is Child Disability Payment?

Child Disability Payment provides money to help with the extra costs of caring for a child or young person who is disabled, terminally ill or living with a long-term health condition.

Who can apply?

If you are a parent, carer or appointee, you can apply on behalf of a child who is older than three months up to 16 years old. The child must have lived with a disability or long term health condition for three months or more and it must be expected to continue for at least 6 months, unless they are terminally ill.

What do I need to apply?

The application has 2 parts.

Part 1 asks for personal details such as date of birth and address.

Part 2 is where you can tell us about the child's conditions and needs.

In part 2 we also ask for one piece of supporting information from a professional that broadly confirms the child's disability, conditions, or needs.

Examples include social care plans, prescription lists and a child's additional support needs plan. It can come from professionals including support workers, doctors and teachers.

Supporting information can include a diagnosis if there is one but this is not needed to apply.

How are the payment rates calculated?

The payment rate is based on 2 parts, care and mobility. The care part reflects how much looking after a child needs. The mobility part reflects the level of help a child needs to get around.

There are three weekly rates for care:

- lowest: £29.20
- middle: £73.90
- highest: £110.40

There are two weekly rates for mobility:

- lower: £29.20
- higher: £77.05

When will the payment be made?

If the application is approved, the child's first payment will be calculated from the date the first part of your online application was submitted or from the date you phoned us to start the application process, if you applied by phone and paper form.

Child Disability Payment is paid every 4 weeks in arrears. It will be paid into the account you give as part of your application. If the child is terminally ill, payments will be made weekly in advance.

What if the child is terminally ill?

A child or young person with a terminal illness will be automatically entitled to the highest rate of the care part and the mobility part from the age of 3, regardless of the period of time for which that child or young person has had a terminal illness. There is a faster application process if a child is terminally ill. Child Disability Payment will be paid weekly in advance if the child is terminally ill.

Can I apply for any related benefits?

You and/or the child or their carer may also qualify for related benefits, services and premiums. For more information, go to mygov.scot/child-disability-payment/related-benefits.

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**.

How to contact us?



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