



Child Disability Payment

What is Child Disability Payment?

Child Disability Payment provides support for the extra costs that a disabled child might have. It replaces Disability Living Allowance for children in Scotland that was previously delivered by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Child Disability Payment will be open for new applications from people who live in every Local Authority area in Scotland from November 2021.

What if people already get Disability Living Allowance for children?

If the child already gets Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children you do not need to apply for Child Disability Payment. We will write to you when we are ready to transfer your child from Disability Living Allowance for children to Child Disability Payment. This will happen automatically – you will not need to do anything and you will continue to get the same amount of money.

If a child gets Child Disability Payment before they're 16, they'll continue to get it until they're 18, as long as they still meet the conditions for it.

If the child is 16 or older, they will need to apply for the Department of Work and Pension's Personal Independence Payment and will have their award transferred to Social Security Scotland's Adult Disability Payment at a later date.

How will a child be entitled to Child Disability Payment?

A child may be entitled to a payment if they have lived with a disability or long term condition for at least 3 months and expect to continue to have it for at least 6 months, unless they are terminally ill.

How are payment rates calculated?

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

Care component

There are 3 weekly rates for care:

- lowest: £23.70 – they need some help and support
- middle: £60.00 – they need frequent help or supervision either during the day or at night
- highest: £89.60 – the child needs help and support during the day and at night

Mobility component

There are 2 weekly rates for mobility:

- lower: £23.70 (for children aged 5 and over) – for children who need supervision or guidance when moving around outdoors
- higher: £62.55 (for children aged 3 and over) – for children who cannot walk, have difficulty walking, or have a severe visual or mental health disability

Children who get the highest rate of the mobility component of Child Disability Payment are able to transfer either the whole or part of the money they get for the mobility component to lease a new car, scooter or powered wheelchair through the Accessible Vehicles and Equipment Scheme. Children under 3 years old do not qualify for the mobility part of Child Disability Payment.

When will people get paid?

If successful, the child's first payment will be calculated from the date the first part of the online application was submitted or from the date the person phoned Social Security Scotland to start the application process, if they applied by phone and paper form. Child Disability Payment is paid every 4 weeks in arrears. It will be paid into the account details given as part of the application.

When will an award review take place?

For clients whose condition is unlikely to change, a review date will be set between 5 and 10 years from the date of decision. We will continue to pay Child Disability Payment during any review.

We will write to the child before their third or fifth birthday if they aren't being paid the mobility component of Child Disability Payment, so that we can make a decision on their entitlement to it.

Will they be eligible for Child Winter Heating Assistance?

Children or young people who get highest rate care component on one day of the week that starts from the third Monday in September each year, will get a payment of £202 to help with costs of heating a home.

Is the payment available to children who are terminally ill?

Yes. A child or young person with a terminal illness will be entitled to the highest rate of the care component and mobility component if, regardless of the period of time for which that child or young person has had a terminal illness.

How can they apply?

People can apply online at mygov.scot/benefits, by post, through a local face-to-face appointment or via our freephone helpline on 0800 182 2222.

Will they be eligible for any related benefits?

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