



Social Security
Scotland

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Disability assistance for terminally ill children

Child Disability Payment will provide someone with financial support if they are caring for a child under 16 who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. The benefit is available no matter how long ago their child was diagnosed and no matter their life expectancy.

Child Disability Payment is made up of 2 parts: a care part and a mobility part.

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

How to apply

All we need is:

- a shortened Child Disability Payment application form that asks only for basic information
- confirmation of the child's terminal illness diagnosis from a registered doctor or nurse involved in their care or diagnosis

The form the doctor or nurse should complete and return to us is the Benefits Assessment under Special Rules in Scotland (BASRiS) form to tell us about their terminal illness. This allows us to fast-track the application. Someone can ask their doctor or nurse to submit this form to us or they can ask us to request it from their doctor or nurse on their behalf.

If their doctor or nurse has already completed a DS1500 form or a SR1 form instead, Social Security Scotland will accept this.

When we receive an application

If the child is eligible under the special rules:

- 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, unless there is a change of circumstances
- their award will be calculated from the date we receive your application or the date terminal illness was diagnosed, whichever is earliest. The award can be backdated to the date of diagnosis of terminal illness, up to a maximum of 26 weeks before the date of application.

How long will this take?

The 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

Someone can seek a second opinion if they think they need it. Find out more about the Charter of Patients' Rights and Responsibilities by going to **gov.scot/patientcharter**.

Can someone apply for any related benefits?

They may also qualify for related benefits, services and premiums. For more information, go to **mygov.scot/benefits**.

If a child receives a terminal illness diagnosis at a later date

If a child is already getting Child Disability Payment and later receives a terminal illness diagnosis, please contact Social Security Scotland free on 0800 182 2222. Our specialist advisors can help take someone through the process at their own pace.'

How can someone find out more and apply?

They can find out more and apply online at **mygov.scot/benefits**. They can also apply in person, over the phone or ask for a paper application form by post by calling us free on **0800 182 2222**.

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 can people contact us?



Call us free on: 0800 182 2222



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