



Social Security
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Pension Age Disability Payment for people who are terminally ill



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Pension Age Disability Payment will provide you with financial support if you have been diagnosed with a terminal illness.

We have a fast-tracked application route for people with a terminal illness and, if you are eligible, you will get the highest rate of Pension Age Disability Payment available to you.

Your eligibility is not affected by how long you ago you were diagnosed as terminally ill or by your life expectancy.

This is available to people of State Pension age.

How to apply

All we need is:

- a part 1 Pension Age Disability Payment application form that asks only for basic information
- confirmation of your diagnosis from a registered doctor or nurse involved in your care or diagnosis.

The form your doctor or nurse should complete and submit to us is the Benefits Assessment under Special Rules in Scotland (BASRiS) form. We can also request it from them on your behalf if you ask us to. If they have already completed a DS1500 or SR1 form instead, we will accept this. No other supporting information is required.

More information on what we mean by terminal illness is available online at mygov.scot/terminal-illness

When we receive your application

If you are eligible under the special rules:

- you will automatically get the highest rate you are entitled to
- your award will be ongoing without needing a review unless your circumstances change
- your award can be backdated to the date of terminal illness diagnosis up to a maximum of 26 weeks

How long will this take?

Your application will be prioritised and processed by our specially trained staff. We will send a letter with our decision.

Getting a second opinion on a diagnosis

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

Can I apply for any related benefits?

You may also qualify for related benefits, services and premiums. For more information, go to **mygov.scot/pension-age-disability-payment**

If you are getting Attendance Allowance

If you are getting Attendance Allowance from the Department for Work and Pensions, you do not need to apply for Pension Age Disability Payment. Your award will be transferred to Pension Age Disability Payment during 2025. More information is available at **mygov.scot/terminal-illness/transferring-your-award**

If you receive a terminal illness diagnosis at a later date

If you have applied for or are already getting Pension Age Disability Payment and later receive a terminal illness diagnosis, please contact Social Security Scotland. Our specialist advisors can help take you, or someone reporting the change for you, through the process at your own pace.

How do I find out more and apply?

People can find out more and apply online at **mygov.scot/benefits**. People 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**.

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**.



There are many people worrying about the cost of living. You are not alone. To learn what help you might be entitled to, please visit **gov.scot/costoflivingsupport**. Or visit your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

How to contact us?



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