

Scottish Adult Disability Allowance

Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance (Scottish Adult DLA) is replacing Disability Living Allowance (DLA) in Scotland.

The benefit, paid by Social Security Scotland, helps cover the extra costs experienced by people who are disabled, terminally ill or living with a long-term health condition.

Like DLA from the Department for Work and Pensions, it has both care and mobility components.

Who will get it?

All adults in Scotland getting DLA will have their benefit award moved to Scottish Adult DLA. It is not possible to make new applications for Scottish Adult DLA.

People newly in need of disability support should apply for Adult Disability Payment or Pension Age Disability Payment. Visit mygov.scot/benefits for more information or contact Social Security Scotland.

How will the move happen?

People who get DLA do not need to do anything – the process is automatic.

Each transfer should take between 4 to 8 weeks and everyone who gets DLA should have their benefit award transferred by the end of 2025.

We will write to people when the transfer process begins and when it is completed.

Will there be any impact on payments?

There will be no gaps in payments and payment amounts will not be reduced as a result of the transfer. If a client's benefit is being transferred because they told the Department for Work and Pensions they were diagnosed as terminally ill their payments may increase. Social Security Scotland will take over any existing Motability agreements.

What if someone's circumstances change during the transfer?

Before or during the transfer people should inform the Department for Work and Pensions of any change in circumstances. This includes a diagnosis of terminal illness.

More information on terminal illness and Scottish Adult DLA is available as a factsheet on the Social Security Scotland website and on mygov.scot/moving-to-scottish-adult-dla/terminal-illness

Can someone getting DLA choose to have their award transferred to Adult Disability Payment instead of Scottish Adult DLA?

No. However, people born after 8 April 1948 can apply for Adult Disability Payment once the transfer to Scottish Adult DLA is complete.

We recommend people seek independent advice before applying for Adult Disability Payment. The benefits have different eligibility criteria and awards can go up, stay the same or go down.

Once someone's application for Adult Disability Payment is decided, it will not be possible for them to return to Scottish Adult DLA.

Will other benefits be affected by the transfer?

No. However, people who get Universal Credit need to tell the Department for Work and Pensions about the move to Scottish Adult DLA.

Further information

For more information on Scottish Adult DLA visit **mygov.scot/scottish-adult-disability-living-allowance** or call us free on **0800 182 2222**.

Independent advice is available from organisation including Citizens Advice Scotland. Contact them on **0800 028 1456**.

Support is available from VoiceAbility independent advocacy service, call free on **0300 303 1660** or visit **www.voiceability.org**

How can people contact us?



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