



# Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance

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## **Transferring to Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance**

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

If you get DLA and live in Scotland your benefit award will be transferred safely and securely to Scottish Adult DLA. You don't need to do anything – the process is automatic.

It is not possible to apply for Scottish Adult DLA. Adults should instead apply for Adult Disability Payment or Pension Age Disability Payment. More information is available on **[mygov.scot/benefits](https://mygov.scot/benefits)**.

### **Will my payments be affected?**

You will not lose any money as a result of the transfer and there will not be any gaps in payments. We will take over any existing Motability agreements you have.

### **How will I know if my benefit award has been moved?**

We will write to you when your benefit award transfer starts and again when it is completed. It should take 4 to 8 weeks.

All awards will be transferred by the end of 2025.

### **What if my circumstances change during the transfer?**

You should tell the Department for Work and Pensions about any changes including a terminal illness diagnosis.

### Will my other benefits be affected?

No. However, if you receive Universal Credit, tell the Department for Work and Pensions about the move to Scottish Adult DLA.

### Can I choose to transfer to Adult Disability Payment instead of Scottish Adult DLA?

No. However, people born after 8 April 1948 can apply for Adult Disability Payment after the transfer. Seek independent advice before applying, as benefits have different criteria and awards can change. Once you get Adult Disability Payment, you cannot return to Scottish Adult DLA.

### How do I find out more?

For more information on Scottish Adult DLA visit **[mygov.scot/scottish-adult-disability-living-allowance](https://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](http://www.voiceability.org)**

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