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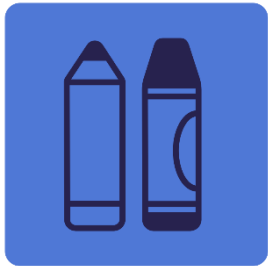


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Benefits we currently deliver



Pregnancy and Baby Payment



Early Learning Payment



School Age Payment



Best Start Foods



Scottish Child Payment



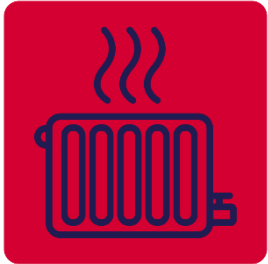
Job Start Payment



Funeral Support Payment



Young Carer Grant



Winter Heating Payment



Child Winter Heating Payment



Carers Support Payment



Child Disability Payment



Adult Disability Payment



Pension Age Disability Payment



Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance



Carers Allowance Supplement

Child Disability Payment

Child Disability Payment is money to help with the extra costs of caring for a child or young person with a disability or ill-health condition. It replaces Disability Living Allowance for children and young people in Scotland that was previously delivered by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Clients can apply for Child Disability Payment for a disabled child under 16. The disability can be mental, physical or both. There is no need for a formal diagnosis to receive the assistance.

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. Social Security Scotland will pay Child Disability Payment from when the child is 3 months old up 18.



Child Disability Payment



Child Disability Payment is tax free, non means tested. It is made up of 2 parts, Care and Mobility. Clients may qualify for one or both parts.

The care component reflects how much looking after a child needs. There are 3 weekly rates for care:

- lowest: £29.20 – they need some help and support
- middle: £73.90 – they need frequent help or supervision either during the day or at night
- highest: £110.40 – the child needs frequent help and support during the day and at night

The mobility component reflects how much help a child needs. There are 2 weekly rates for mobility:

- lower: £29.20 (for children aged 5 and over) – for children who need supervision or guidance when moving around outdoors
- higher: £77.05 (for children aged 3 and over) – for children who cannot walk, have difficulty walking, or have a severe visual or mental health disability

If the child is entitled to the higher rate mobility component, you can apply to lease an accessible vehicle.

Adult Disability Payment

Adult Disability Payment is money to help with the extra costs of living with a disability or long-term health condition that affects someone's everyday life.

It replaces Personal Independence Payment from the Department for Work and Pensions for those living in Scotland.

Clients with a terminal illness can apply under the Special Rules for Terminal Illness.

Clients who qualify for Adult Disability Payment can get extra support through a range of related benefits and services to help with the cost of car, housing, transport and travel.



Adult Disability Payment



Adult Disability Payment is tax free, non means tested and can also be paid to applicants who are in work. It is made up of 2 parts, Daily Living and mobility. Clients may qualify for one or both parts.

Daily Living component There are 2 weekly rates for care:

- Standard: £73.90
- Enhanced: £110.40

Mobility component There are 2 weekly rates for mobility:

- Standard: £29.20
- Enhanced: £77.05

Although the rates and regulations remain the same as Personal Independence Payment currently administered by the Department of Work and Pensions, there are key differences in our approach which have been developed from extensive client & stakeholder feedback

Pension Age Disability Payment

Pension Age Disability Payment is money for people of State Pension age with care needs who are disabled, have a long-term health condition or a terminal illness.

It is replacing Attendance Allowance from the Department for Work and Pensions for those living in Scotland.

It's paid at 2 different rates, lower and higher. The amount someone gets depends on their care needs.

Clients with a terminal illness can apply under the Special Rules for Terminal Illness.



Pension Age Disability Payment



- Pension Age Disability Payment is tax free, non means tested payment,. Income and saving are not taken into account, therefore will not affect any awards.

It's paid at 2 different rates, lower and higher. The amount depends on the clients care needs.

- Lower rate is £73.90 per week. It's for people who need help or supervision during the day or night, and
- Higher rate is £110.40 per week. It's for people who need help or supervision both during the ay and night.

Like our other disability benefits, clients with a terminal illness will automatically be awarded the higher rate and can be paid weekly in advance as opposed to the normal 4-weekly in arrears.

Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance



A new benefit called Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance (Scottish Adult DLA) is replacing Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for all adults in Scotland. This is happening as part of Scottish devolution.

People cannot apply for Scottish Adult DLA, this is for case transfers only. Their DLA will move to Scottish Adult DLA automatically. People do not need to do anything to start the move.

Two groups in scope to transfer:

- Those born before 8 April 1948 – commitment from DWP they can remain on DLA for as long as they are eligible
- Those born after 8 April 1948 – will transfer to Scottish Adult DLA, but will have the opportunity to move to Adult Disability Payment if they wish to do so

Special Rules for Terminal Illness

When a client has a terminal illness they can apply through our Special Rules for Terminal Illness (SRTI) route. A registered doctor or nurse involved in a patient's diagnosis and/or care should complete a Benefits Assessment Under Special Rules in Scotland (BASRIS) form. A BASRIS is a document that tells us someone is terminally ill. As soon as we receive this form we can:

- fast-track a new application in a few days
- SRTI applications are handled by specially trained case managers
- SRTI applications are automatically awarded the highest level of award
- Awards will have no review period and no qualifying period
- We can quickly maximise the benefit payment of someone already getting a disability benefit from us

What is supporting information and why do we need it?

Before making a decision on an application for disability benefits, we need supporting information from a professional e.g. a nurse, doctor, support worker

Supporting information is information that tells us about a client's conditions or disabilities and how these impact on their life. It can also tell us about any diagnoses they have.

We ask applicants to provide supporting information by sending us documents such as medical reports, prescription lists and care plans. However, clients can also ask us to collect supporting information on their behalf.

We may ask for supporting information when a client:

- submits a new application
- requests a re-determination of a decision
- Reports a change of circumstances or has a review

Delivering our services in local communities

Our Operations division has a presence in every local authority area, delivering public facing operations in communities across Scotland.

Our Local Delivery service is made up of specially trained Client Support Advisers who will be available to help guide people through the application process.

Local Delivery support is by appointment only and takes place:

- in local community venues
- in people's homes
- in hospitals and prisons
- via video call or via telephone appointment.

Clients can book an appointment by calling us on our main helpline: **0800 182 2222**. We accommodate any communication or accessibility arrangements to suit the needs client.



Advocacy Service

- Free Independent Advocacy service provided by [VoiceAbility](#)
- Additional source of independent support for disabled people and carers
- Available from the point of application through to re-determination and appeals
- Appointments with an Advocate can be arranged by calling our freephone helpline or visiting [VoiceAbility | Support to access benefits in Scotland](#)



How to apply

Applications to any of our benefits can be made either:



Online: mygov.scot/benefits



By phone: call freephone 0800 182 2222



By post: download application form at mygov.scot/benefits or requested by phone

British Sign Language users can use the [contactSCOTLAND app](#) to contact us by video relay.

If a client does not want to apply in English, they can call us to apply over the phone in over 100 languages





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Thank you.

Any questions?