



Applying for Child Disability Payment

What is Child Disability Payment?

Child Disability Payment provides support for the extra costs that a disabled child might have.

Who can apply?

If you are a parent, carer or appointee, you can apply on behalf of a child who is older than three months up to 16 years old. The child must have lived with a disability or long term health condition for three months or more and it is expected to continue for at least 6 months, unless they are terminally ill.

16 year olds and above will need to apply for the Department of Work and Pension's Personal Independence Payment and will have their award transferred to Social Security Scotland's Adult Disability Payment at a later date.

You can apply if the child's disability has not yet been diagnosed. You can tell Social Security Scotland about any symptoms they have and how they are affected. It could be a health condition, where the child has care and support needs, mental, emotional or physical disabilities or behavioural development issues.

How are the payment rates calculated?

The payment rate is based on 2 parts, care and mobility. The care component reflects how much looking after a child needs. The mobility component reflects the level of help a child needs to get around.

There are three weekly rates for care:

- lowest: £23.70 – the child needs some help and support for a significant part of the day
- middle: £60.00 – the child needs frequent help and support during the day or at night
- highest: £89.60 – the child needs help and support during the day and at night

There are two weekly rates for mobility:

- lower: £23.70 (for children aged 5 and over) – for children who need supervision or guidance when moving around outdoors
- higher: £62.55 (for children aged 3 and over) – for children who cannot walk, have difficulty walking, or have a severe visual or mental health disability

When will the payment be made?

If successful, the child's first payment will be calculated from the date the first part of your online application was submitted or from the date you phoned Social Security Scotland to start the application process, if you applied by phone and paper form.

Child Disability Payment is paid every 4 weeks in arrears. It will be paid into the account you give as part of your application.

Can I apply for any related benefits?

You and/or the child, or their carer may also qualify for related benefits, services and premiums. For more information, go to mygov.scot/child-disability-payment/related-benefits.

What if your child already gets Disability Living Allowance for children from the DWP?

You do not need to apply for Child Disability Payment.

We will write to you when we are ready to transfer your child from Disability Living Allowance for children to Child Disability Payment. This will happen automatically – you will not need to do anything and you will continue to get the same amount of money.

How do I find out more and apply?

You can find out more information and apply online at mygov.scot/benefits. You can apply over the phone or ask for a paper application form by post by calling 0800 182 2222.

You may also be eligible for other benefits. Make sure you're not missing out by speaking to the Citizen's Advice Scotland Money Talk Team on 0800 085 7145.

How to contact us



Call us free on: 0800 182 2222



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