

## Scottish Social Security – Social Security Scotland

Social Security Scotland is responsible for administering a number of benefits that have been devolved to Scotland.

Currently, Social Security Scotland administers 11 benefits. These are listed below:

- [Carer's Allowance Supplement](#) – an extra payment for people in Scotland who get Carer's Allowance on a particular date.
- [Best Start Grant - Pregnancy and Baby Payment](#)–Best Start Grant is a package of three payments that will give extra money to families on certain benefits or tax credits during the early years of a child's life. You can apply for the Pregnancy and Baby Payment from 24 weeks pregnant up to the day your baby is 6 months old. This goes up to 1 if you've taken over looking after a child, such as if you've adopted. You get £600 for your first child or £300 for any subsequent child.
- [Best Start Grant - Early Learning Payment](#)–You can apply for the Best Start Grant Early Learning Payment when your child is aged between 2 years old and 3 years 6 months old. If you are eligible, you get £250 for each child.
- [Best Start Grant - School Age Payment](#) – the Best Start Grant School Age Payment is a £250 payment made to eligible families around the time a child normally starts Primary 1.
- [Best Start Foods](#)- a new payment for low income families on certain benefits or tax credits that replaces UK Government's Healthy Start Vouchers in Scotland. You can apply for Best Start Foods when you're pregnant, or any time up to your child turning 3 years old.
- [Funeral Support Payment](#)- a payment available to people in Scotland, who are on certain benefits or tax credits, and need support to meet the costs of a funeral.
- [Young Carer Grant](#)- a new yearly payment of £305.10 for young carers aged 16 to 18 who live in Scotland.
- [Job Start Payment](#)- It's a one off payment of £250 available to young people in Scotland who are on certain benefits, and need help with the costs of starting a new job. If the person has a child, they could get £400.
- [Child Winter Heating Assistance](#) - a new £202 payment to help families of a child on the highest rate care component of Disability Living Allowance for Children to heat their homes. Payments will begin on Friday 27 November and these are expected to be complete by Friday 11 December.
- [Scottish Child Payment](#) - a new, unique to Scotland, benefit that will give qualifying parents and carers £40 every four weeks to help towards the costs of looking after each child under 6. It is planned to be fully rolled out to children under the age of 16 by the end of 2022.
- [Child Disability Payment](#) - a payment providing extra money to help with the costs of caring for a child with a disability or ill-health condition. It replaces Disability Living Allowance for children in Scotland that was previously delivered by the Department for Work and Pensions. Child Disability Payment is available to new applications from people who live in Dundee City, Western Isles and Perth and

Kinross. It will be open to people who live in every Local Authority area in Scotland from November 2021.

From Monday 26 July, people in the Western Isles have been able to access face to face support when applying for Scottish benefits.

The introduction of Social Security Scotland's new Local Delivery service coincided with the launch of the Child Disability Payment pilot and has increased the range of ways people can apply for payments they are entitled to.

Clients have been able to book an appointment to meet with a specially trained adviser at a venue within their local community or at their home. People have also be able to request video call and telephone appointments.

Client Support Advisers have answered queries about Social Security Scotland benefits, helped complete paper or online applications forms, and offered other support such as identity and document verification.

The service will be rolled out across the whole of Scotland from November.

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
- telephone appointment

Social Security Scotland is working in close partnership with organisations across the Western Isles to maximise the uptake of these benefits.