

# Child Disability Payment

Child Disability Payment (CDP) is a devolved Scottish benefit which has now replaced Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children in Scotland.

The transition from Child DLA to CDP is currently still in progress and some children/young people may still be in receipt of Child DLA for the time being.

CDP has two components:

- a care component, with three rates
- a mobility component, with two rates

## *Social Security Scotland*

CDP is administered by [Social Security Scotland](#), the Scottish Government agency who manage all the benefits devolved to Scotland.

## Eligibility

This benefit is paid to children and young people aged 3 months to 18 years who have a long term health condition or disability such as epilepsy, a mental health condition or terminal illness. You can also apply even if the child/young person does not have a formal diagnosis.

To make a first time application for CDP, a child needs to be under 16. If the child/young person is 16 or over, they will need to apply for [Adult Disability Payment](#) (ADP) instead.

## Difference between Child DLA and CDP

If your child currently still receives DLA, you will receive the same amount under CDP once transferred. In limited circumstances, a child may receive a higher award.

Eligibility for this new payment is also very similar to the old style DLA for children. There are some differences though:

- CDP will be paid to children/young people until the age of 18.
- Under CDP, any child who is terminally ill, no matter their life expectancy, will receive the maximum amount.

- All awards will be rolling awards, which means a review will happen when it is appropriate, rather than having a fixed review period. If a child's condition is unlikely to change, the maximum review period will be ten years.
- A child/young person awarded the highest rate of the care component will also be entitled to receive [Child Winter Heating Payment](#), which currently is £235.70 per year.
- A child/young person awarded the higher rate of the mobility component will also be able to access the [Accessible Vehicles and Equipment scheme](#). This allows parents to lease a range of cars, scooters, and powered wheelchairs directly from a choice of accredited providers.

## First time application

If the child/young person is 3 months to under 16 years

If your child does not currently receive DLA, you need to apply for Child Disability Payment directly from Social Security Scotland.

You can [apply](#) by telephone, post or through Social Security Scotland's online portal [myaccount](#).

## If the young person is 16 years and over

If the child/young person is 16 or over and in need of disability assistance, they will need to apply for Adult Disability Payment (ADP).

For more information on ADP, check out the [Scottish Government's page on Adult Disability payment](#).

## My child is currently receiving Child DLA

If the child/young person is still receiving DLA, you do not need to do anything. Your child's DLA will be automatically transferred to CDP. The child/young person will receive the same amount of payment until DLA has transferred over to CDP.

## Short Term Assistance

If CPD is reduced or removed following a review, you can apply for a Short Term Assistance payment. This means the child/young person will not lose any money and receive the same amount until a redetermination and/or appeal has been completed.

Even if the decision to reduce or remove CDP is upheld, you will not need to pay back the amount received under the Short Term Assistance payment. Receiving the Short Term Assistance payment is not an automatic process. You will need to apply for this at the stage of a redetermination or appeal.

# Transferring from Child Disability Payment to Adult Disability Payment

The transfer is not automatic. A young person in receipt of CDP will receive a letter from Social Security Scotland before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday inviting them to make a new application for Adult Disability Payment.

## Further help

To find out more about CDP and other Scottish benefits, go to [Social Security Scotland's website](#) or phone 0800 182 2222.

If you have any questions about the transfer process, you can phone the DWP on 0800 121 4600 or contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

Always seek advice from a Welfare Rights Service, such as your local Citizens Advice Bureau, before applying for any disability benefits. This is to make sure that you claim for the benefit which is right for your child and to maximise your chances of a successful claim.

Our Welfare Rights Service at Epilepsy Scotland can also help to complete forms and advise on eligible benefits. To find out more, please call 0141 427 4911.

If you would like to talk more generally about benefits and epilepsy, you can also contact our freephone helpline on 0808 800 2200.

**Our resources are always free. If you would like to support our work, please text FACTS to 70085 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message.**



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