

Child Disability Payment

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

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

Social Security Scotland

Child Disability Payment is a Scottish benefit administered by [Social Security Scotland](#), the body who manages all the benefits devolved to Scotland. Social Security Scotland aims to treat people with dignity, fairness and respect when dealing with all enquiries and applications.

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. To make a first time application, a child needs to be under 16.

Difference between DLA and Child Disability Payment

If your child currently receives DLA, you will receive the same amount under Child Disability Payment. 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:

- Child Disability Payment will be paid to children/young people until the age of 18.
- With the new Child Disability Payment, 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 Assistance](#), which currently is £202 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.

- Young people aged 16 and 17 years already claiming Child Disability Payment will not have to undergo the Personal Independence Payment (PIP) face to face assessments process, making the whole application/transfer process easier.

First time application

3 months to under 16 years

If your child does not currently receive DLA, you can now apply for the new Child Disability Payment directly from Social Security Scotland.

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

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 Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

For more information on PIP, check out the [UK government's page on PIP](#).

My child is already receiving DLA

If your child is already receiving DLA, you do not need to do anything.

Your child's DLA will be automatically transferred to Child Disability Payment in a phased approach. This process will be complete by spring 2023. You will receive the same amount of payment until DLA has transferred over to Child Disability Payment.

The transfer will initially start with those aged 16 or over, or any children with a terminal illness. For anyone else, the transfer will start from spring 2022.

Short Term Assistance

The Scottish Government has introduced a new Short Term Assistance payment. This is a payment you can apply for if your child's disability payment is reduced or removed following a review. This means you will not lose any money and receive the same amount until a redetermination or appeal has been completed.

Even if the decision to reduce or remove your child's disability payment 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.

Further help

To find out more about the Child Disability Payment 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 first before applying for any disability benefits. This is to make sure that you claim for the benefit which is right for your child.

Our Welfare Rights Service at Epilepsy Scotland can also provide further help and information, 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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