

Adult Disability Payment

Adult Disability Payment (ADP) is the Scottish benefit which has replaced Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for adults in Scotland.

This factsheet provides information about ADP and explains if you need to do anything.

What is ADP?

This is a four weekly payment to help you with the additional cost of living if you have a health condition or disability, such as epilepsy, which affects your ability to carry out mobility and personal care tasks without difficulty or assistance. It is not means tested, which means any income from work or savings will not be taken into account. People can get ADP even if they are in full time work.

ADP has two components:

- daily living - with a standard and enhanced rate
- mobility - with a standard and enhanced rate

What will I need to do if I currently receive PIP or adult DLA?

If you already receive PIP or adult DLA, do not do anything. You will be automatically transferred from PIP and adult DLA to ADP from summer of 2022.

[Social Security Scotland](#), the Scottish agency in charge of all Scottish devolved benefits, will contact you in advance and tell you what will happen when you transfer.

You will continue to receive your PIP and adult DLA payments until you are safely transferred over to ADP. During and after the ADP transfer is complete, you will be entitled to the same amount as you were on DLA/PIP for the same length of time.

Do not make a new application for ADP as you could lose your current PIP or adult DLA payments. Always seek advice from a professional benefits advisor/welfare rights officer before you make any application.

When can I make a new application for ADP?

Only make a new application if you are not currently receiving PIP or adult DLA.

As of 29 August 2022, you can make a new application for ADP wherever you live in Scotland.

Will I be eligible for ADP?

To be eligible to apply for ADP, you need to:

- be aged between 16 and under state pension age
- be resident in Scotland
- have a physical or mental health condition, disability, or terminal illness. There is no need for a formal diagnosis to be eligible for ADP.

Reviewing your ADP award

Unlike PIP, ADP awards will not have a set end date. Instead, you will receive a date when your payment will be reviewed, to make sure you are still getting the right amount of payment.

Reviews will be done in a supportive and non-intrusive way. If your condition is unlikely to change, your reviews will be every 5-10 years.

Short-term assistance

If your ADP is reduced or stopped following a review, you can claim short term assistance. You will get short term assistance while you challenge this decision via a redetermination or an appeal. This means, until a final decision is made on your award, your payments will stay the same.

The short term assistance will, however, only be paid from the date of receipt of a redetermination or appeal, so it is important that you seek a

redetermination or an appeal without delay. Always seek immediate advice from a professional benefits advisor before submitting any redetermination.

How to get help with a new ADP application

Always seek advice to maximise your chances of receiving an award. This can be from:

- Epilepsy Scotland's Welfare Rights Service 0141 427 4911
- your local Citizens Advice Bureau or other local welfare rights office

How to apply for ADP

Social Security Scotland want to make it as easy as possible for you to apply. You can:

- apply online at mygov.scot
- apply by phone calling 0800 182 2222
- phone 0800 182 2222 and request a paper application form to be posted to you
- use the contactSCOTLAND app to speak to someone via video relay if you are a BSL user
- ask for an interpreter if English is not your first language

You can also apply via a **Local Delivery Team** in person, video or by phone. If you want to be assisted by a Local Delivery client support advisor, phone 0800 182 2222 to book an appointment.

If you want to find out more about ADP

For more information on ADP check out the following sources:

- The [Adult Disability Payment](#) page on the Scottish Government's website
- [Social Security Scotland](#)

Contact us

If you want to talk to someone about benefits in general, or have questions about your epilepsy, contact our freephone helpline on 0808 800 2200. We are here to help!

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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