

FAMILY GUIDES

Disability Living Allowance



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Understanding the Disability Living Allowance (DLA)



It is IMPORTANT to note that this scheme is ending and the Government will be replacing it with other benefits.

Therefore, if you already receive [DLA](#) your claim could end. If this does happen, you will receive a letter to inform you. The letter will also include information on how to apply for other benefits such as Personal Independence Payments or Adult Disability Payment.

Applying for DLA

If you [have a child aged under 16 you can apply for the scheme](#) if you live in England or Wales.

This will enable you to receive support with extra costs of looking after a child under the age of 16 who has mobility difficulties or requires much greater supervision than a child of a similar age who does not have a disability.

The support you may receive is between £24.45 and £156.80 a week.

ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE

Do you live in Scotland?

If you live in Scotland with a child who has a disability and is aged under 16, you can apply for Child Disability Payments which offers similar support to DLA for children under 16 in England and Wales.

If you are aged over 16 you are not currently eligible to apply for DLA and should instead apply for:

- [Personal Independence Payment \(PIP\)](#) if you live in England or Wales and are not yet of [State Pension age](#)
- [Adult Disability Payment](#) if you live in Scotland and have not yet reached [State Pension age](#)
- [Attendance Allowance](#) if you're [State Pension age](#) or older and do not get DLA



Will your DLA end?

The Government has stated that if you are born prior to April 8th, 1948, you will continue to receive DLA as long as you are eligible for it. If you are born after this date, you will receive a letter informing you that your DLA is ending and when this will happen. You will receive DLA until this date.