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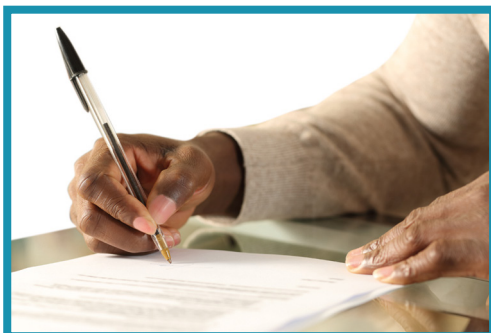
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Introduction



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Disability Living Allowance for children is a benefit from the Department for Work and Pensions.



It helps pay some of the extra costs when looking after **a child under the age of 16** with a:

- Disability
- Illness
- Health condition.

DLA

Disability Living Allowance for children is sometimes known as DLA.



This information tells you about Disability Living Allowance for children, who can get it, and how to apply for it.

16+ = PIP

If a child is aged 16 or over, they should apply for Personal Independence Payment (PIP).



If your child lives in Scotland, you can apply for Child Disability Payment.

For more information, go to www.mygov.scot/child-disability-payment

For more Easy Read information on Personal Independence Payment, go to www.gov.uk

Search for **Easy Read PIP**.

To apply for a health and social care assessment, go to www.gov.uk/apply-needs-assessment-social-services

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About Disability Living Allowance for children



Disability Living Allowance for children has 2 parts.

- Care
- Mobility.



Care is for a child needing extra care and support.



This could be:

- For some of the day or night
- Throughout the day or night
- If they are nearing the end of their life.



Mobility is for a child needing care and support to get around. This could be:

- To support them when walking
- To support them if they cannot walk, or can only walk a short distance.



A child may be able to get money for 1 or both parts.



A child can get the **care** part from birth.

The first payment will be 3 months after the birth.



The **care** part has 3 rates:

- Lowest
- Middle
- Highest.

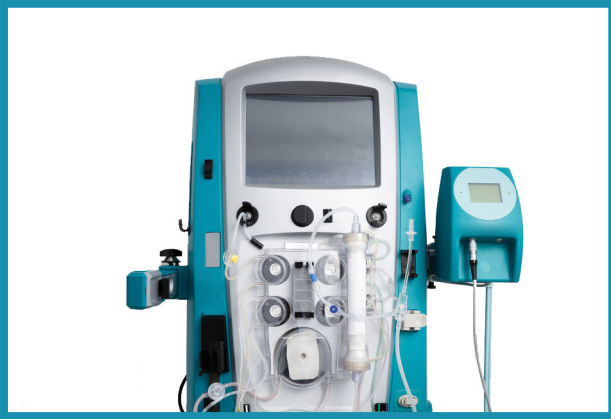


The rate of care a child can get depends on how much extra care and support they need.

It is not based on what their disability or health condition is.



A child may get the lowest rate care if they need extra care and support for some of the day.



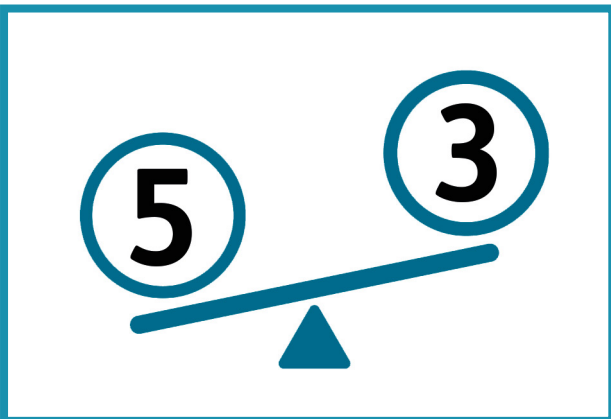
A child may get the middle rate care if they need:

- Extra care or support during the day or night
- Someone to help while they are on dialysis to treat kidney failure.



A child may get the highest rate care if:

- They need extra care or support during the day and night
- They are nearing the end of their life.



The **mobility** part has 2 rates. A child can get:

- Lower – from the age of 5
- Higher – from the age of 3.



The rate of mobility a child gets depends on what extra support they need to get around.



A child may get lower rate mobility if:

- They can walk but need support
- They need someone to watch over them when outdoors.



A child may get higher rate mobility if:

- They cannot walk
- Can only walk a short distance without severe discomfort
- They become very ill if they try to walk.

**3
months**

To get Disability Living Allowance for children the child must have had difficulties for 3 months.

These difficulties should last for a further 6 months unless they are nearing the end of their life.

IMPORTANT

If the child is nearing the end of their life, please call the Disability Living Allowance for children helpline on **0800 121 4600**.

There are special rules in place so we can award Disability Living Allowance for children quicker.

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Explanation

Nearing the end of their life means the child might have less than 12 months to live.

For more information on 'special rules', go to www.gov.uk/benefits-end-of-life

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Applying for Disability Living Allowance for children



The person looking after the child must make the claim.

16+

If you are the child's parent, you must be **aged 16 or over** to make a claim.

18+

If you are the child's carer, you must be **aged 18 or over** to make a claim.



The person making the Disability Living Allowance for children claim can:

- Be working
- Have savings
- Have other money coming in.



Payment of your Disability Living Allowance for children can depend on:

- Where the child lives in the UK
- If they have ever lived abroad.

For more Easy Read information on Disability Living Allowance for children, go to www.gov.uk

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