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How to claim Disability Living Allowance for children

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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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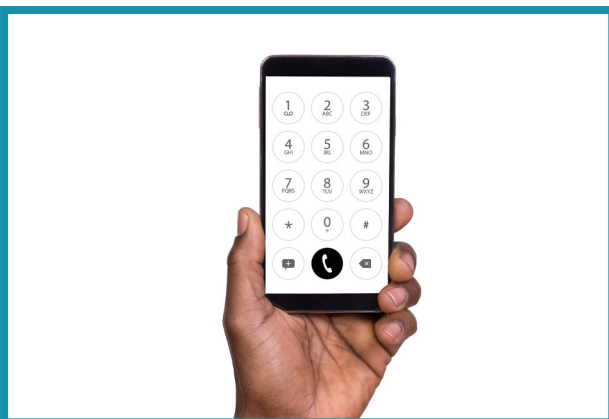
To make a Disability Living Allowance for children claim you must be:

- **Aged 16** or over, if you are the child's parent
- **Aged 18** or over, if you are the child's carer.



To get Disability Living Allowance for children you must fill in a form and send it to us.

You can also send us supporting information with your form.



Call the Disability Living Allowance for children helpline to get a form sent to you in the post.

Telephone: **0800 121 4600**
Textphone: **0800 121 4523**



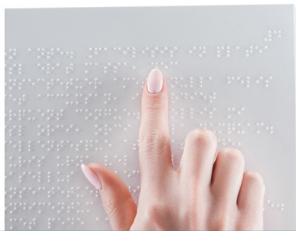
Your claim will start on the date you call the helpline.



You will have 6 weeks to complete your form.

Use the envelope provided to return the form to us.

Large print



Tell us during the call if you need a form in a format such as braille or large print.



If you cannot hear or speak on the phone, use Relay UK:

18001 then **0800 121 4600**



If you are deaf and use British Sign Language you may be able to use the video relay service.

To download a claim form, go to www.gov.uk

Search for **DLA child claim form**.

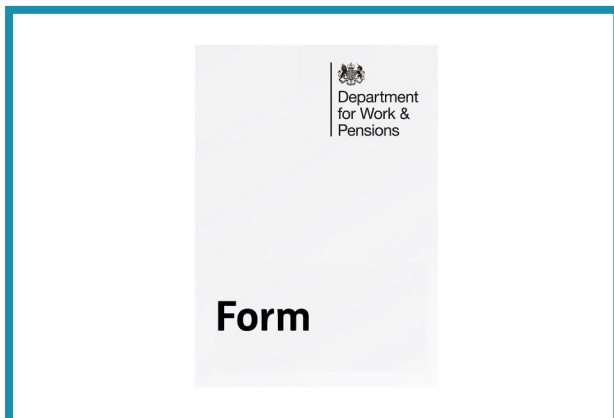
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Before you fill in the form



Before you fill in the form, read the information booklet that comes with the form.

This helps explain the questions and information we need.



The form asks what help the child needs with their mobility and care.

Please give as much information as possible.



Send your completed form to us straight away, so we can make a decision on your claim as quickly as possible.



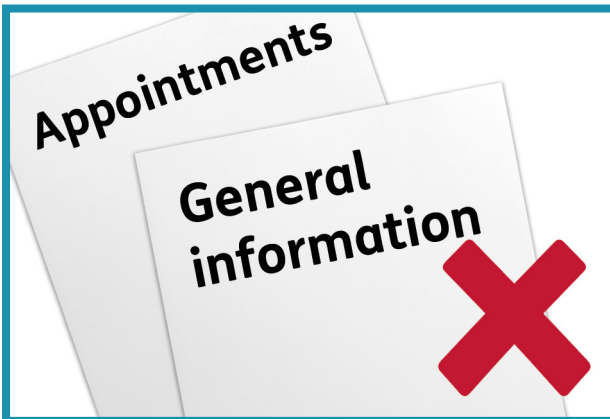
If you have it, please send us copies of any supporting information with your form.

Do not send your original documents.



Supporting information can be things like:

- Medical reports
- Prescription lists
- Speech tests
- Education and health care plans.



You do not need to send appointment letters or general information about the child's condition.



If you are waiting for a diagnosis or supporting information:

- Make a note on the form of the information you will send us later.



You could lose out on money if you delay sending the form to us.



Send your form and any supporting information to the address on the envelope provided.

IMPORTANT

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

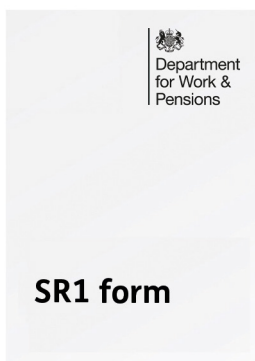
There are special rules in place so we can award Disability Living Allowance for children quicker.

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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



If you can, you should also ask the child's doctor or healthcare professional for form **SR1**.



They will complete the **SR1** and send it to us or give it to you to send to us.

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

Search for **Easy Read DLA child**.