

# BENEFITS THAT CAN BE APPLIED FOR

## Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

From Gov. uk website;

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children may help with the extra costs of looking after a child who:

- ▶ Is under 16
- ▶ Has difficulties walking or needs much more looking after than a child of the same age who does not have a disability.

## They will need to meet all the eligibility requirements

The DLA rate is between £23.70 and £152.15 a week and depends on the level of help the child needs. Usually, to qualify for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children the child must:

- ▶ Be under 16 - anyone over 16 must apply for Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- ▶ Need extra looking after or have walking difficulties
- ▶ Be in Great Britain, a European Economic Area (EEA) country or Switzerland when you claim. There are some exceptions, such as family members of the Armed Forces
- ▶ Have lived in Great Britain for at least 6 of the last 12 months, if over three years old
- ▶ Be habitually resident in the UK, Ireland, Isle of Man or the Channel Islands
- ▶ Not be subject to immigration control.

The child's disability or health condition must mean at least one of the following apply:

- ▶ They need much more looking after than a child of the same age who does not have a disability
- ▶ They have difficulty getting about.

They must have had these difficulties for at least three months and expect them to last for six months. If they're terminally ill (that is, not expected to live more than six months), they do not need to have had these difficulties for three months.

To find out more, to apply online, or to request an application form, please visit their website; [www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children](http://www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children)

To apply for an application form by phone, please call the Disability Living Allowance helpline on **0800 121 4600** or via Textphone on **0800 121 4523**.

## Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

From their website;

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) can help you with some extra costs if you have a long term physical or mental health condition or disability. The amount you get depends on how your condition affects you, not the condition itself. A health professional will assess you to work out the level of help you can get. Your carer could get Carer's Allowance if you have substantial caring needs. You can get Personal Independence Payment (PIP) whether you're working or not. You need to be aged 16 or over and usually have not reached State Pension age to claim.

You also need to have a physical or mental health condition or disability where you:

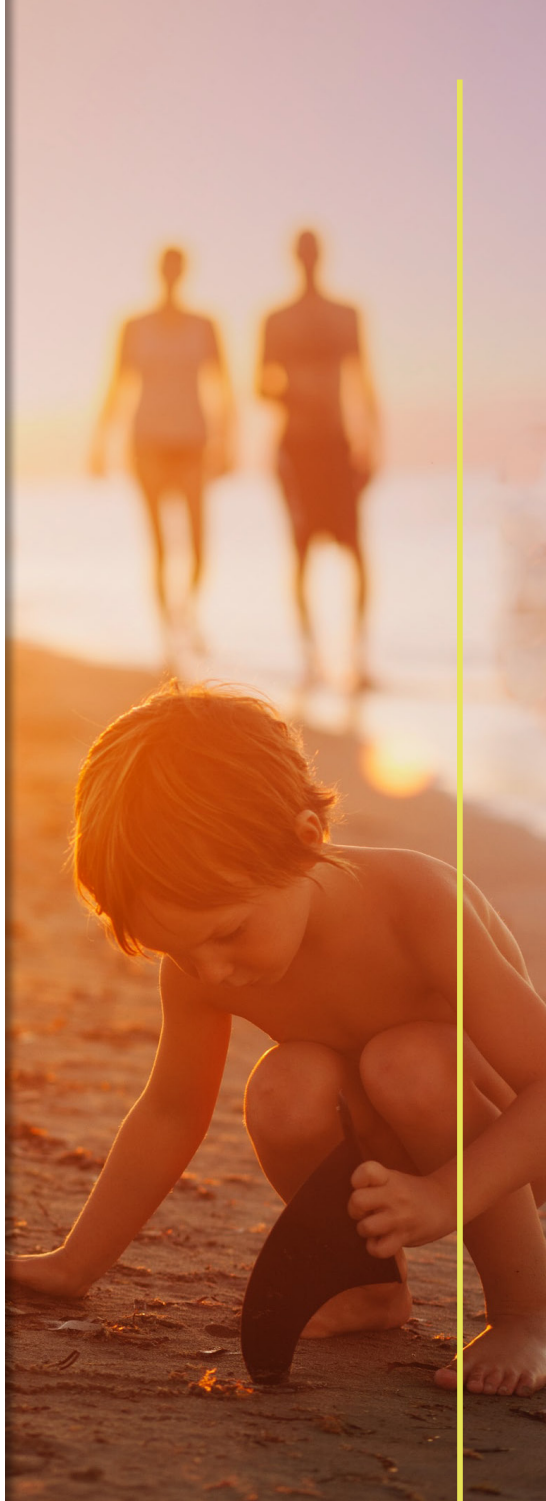
- ▶ Have had difficulties with daily living or getting around (or both) for three months
- ▶ Expect these difficulties to continue for at least nine months.

To find out more, to apply, or to print an application form, please visit their website at: [www.gov.uk/pip](http://www.gov.uk/pip)

To complete an application form over the telephone, please call the DWP - PIP claims **0800 917 2222**. To complete a form over the phone, you will need to have;

- ▶ Your contact details
- ▶ Your date of birth
- ▶ National Insurance Number
- ▶ Bank or building society account number and sort code
- ▶ Your doctor or health workers name, address and telephone number
- ▶ Dates and addresses for any time you've spent in a care home or hospital and any dates for the time you have spent abroad for more than four weeks at a time.

You can ask the DWP to add a carer or an advocate to your account so that they can complete the application form on your behalf over the telephone.



## **Carers Allowance** From their website;

You could get £67.60 a week if you care for someone at least 35 hours a week and they get certain benefits. You do not have to be related to, or live with, the person you look after. You do not get paid extra if you care for more than one person. If someone else also cares for the same person as you, only one of you can claim Carer's Allowance. Carer's Allowance can affect the other benefits that you and the person you care for is getting. You have to pay tax on it if your income is over the Personal Allowance. You may be eligible for Carer's Allowance if you, the person you care for and the type of care you provide meets specific criteria.

### **The person you care for**

- ▶ The person you care for must already get one of these benefits:
- ▶ Personal Independence Payment - daily living component
- ▶ Disability Living Allowance - the middle or highest care rate
- ▶ Attendance Allowance
- ▶ Constant Attendance Allowance at or above the standard maximum rate with an Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.

To find out more, to apply online, or to print off an application form, please visit their website; [www.gov.uk/carers-allowance](http://www.gov.uk/carers-allowance)

## **Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)** From their website;

You can apply for Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) if you have a disability or health condition that affects how much you can work. ESA gives you:

- ▶ Money to help with living costs if you're unable to work
- ▶ Support to get back into work if you're able to.

You can apply if you're employed, self-employed or unemployed.

You can apply for 'new style' Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) if you're under State Pension age and have a disability or health condition that affects how much you can work.

You also need to have both:

- ▶ Worked as an employee or have been self-employed
- ▶ Paid enough National Insurance contributions, usually in the last 2 to 3 years - National Insurance credits also count.

To find out more, apply online, or to print out an application form, please visit their website on [www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance](http://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance). To apply over the telephone; call the Universal Credit helpline if:

- ▶ You cannot make an application online
- ▶ You're an appointee for someone.

## **Universal Credit helpline**

**Telephone: 0800 328 5644**  
(choose option 3)

**Textphone: 0800 328 1344**  
(choose option 3)