

FACTSHEET

Carers Allowance

Carer's Allowance
Claim form

Use this form to claim Carer's Allowance. Please read the notes that come with the claim pack before you fill in the form. The form must be filled in by you, the carer, not the person you look after. Please fill in this form with BLACK ink and in CAPITALS. Please answer all of the questions and send us all the documents we ask for.

This form is available in large print or braille. Please ring 0345 608 4321. If you have speech or hearing difficulties, you can contact us by textphone on 0345 604 5312. Our textphone service does not receive messages from mobile phones. Calls to 0345 numbers cost no more than a standard geographic call, and count towards any free or inclusive minutes in your landline or mobile phone contract.

About you - the carer

Please answer the questions on this form in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Title, for example Mr, Mrs, Miss, etc.

Surname or family name

All other names in full

All other surnames or family names you have used or have been known by

National Insurance (NI) number

Letters Numbers letter

You can get this form from your NI number card, letters about benefits, payslips or form P45. If you do not tell us your NI number, this could delay any benefit you may be entitled to.

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For more information on this or any other benefit, contact St Helens Carers Centre on 01744 675615 and we can book a telephone appointment to complete a full eligibility check for you.

- ♦ Carers Allowance is a benefit you may be able to claim if you are over 16, not a full time student and care for someone
- ♦ You need to be caring for one person for 35 hours a week or more . You do not have to live with the person you care for
- ♦ The person you are caring for must be in receipt of a qualifying benefit such as Attendance Allowance, daily living component of Personal Independence Payment or Disability Living Allowance at the middle or high rate care.
- ♦ If you work, you cannot earn more than the current earnings threshold of £196 per week. This is net; after tax, after national insurance and after 50% of pen-
- ♦ Carers Allowance is taxable and the current rate is £83.30 per week
- ♦ Being paid Carers Allowance can affect the benefits of the person you care for, if they receive a severe disability premium within means tested benefits such as Pension Credit. It is therefore recommended to have a benefit check

If you think you may be eligible, contact us—we can advise around eligibility and can help to complete the form. We will also be able to advise you if it will affect the benefits of the person you care