

Disability Living Allowance for Children



What is DLA?

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is for families in England and Wales who need monetary help with the extra costs of looking after a child with additional needs.

Any child, aged under 16 with a long-term health condition, disability, or illness might qualify for DLA. You don't need to wait for a formal diagnosis to make a claim, although having evidence to support your claim is essential.

Did you know?

It's very common for a parent to think they won't be able to get Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for their child when they can.

DLA helps meet the extra costs that you might have as a result of your child's disability. For example, higher utility costs, additional equipment, special diets, and travel costs.

DLA can be given for a wide range of medical conditions including behavioural and mental health conditions as well as learning disabilities and developmental delay. You might be able to claim even if you wouldn't think to describe your child as 'disabled'.

DLA isn't means tested, so it doesn't matter how much you earn or how much money you might have in savings. Getting DLA could mean that:

- you can get other benefits, or
- you can get a higher rate of the benefits that you currently get

Read more about [extra help and support](#) if you're getting DLA.



You can make a claim for your child if at least one of the following applies:

- they need a lot more care, attention or supervision than a child of the same age who isn't disabled
- they have difficulty walking or getting around outdoors in unfamiliar places, compared to a child of the same age who isn't disabled

and..

Your child has been disabled or had their condition for at least 3 months, and you must expect it to last for 6 more. You don't need a formal diagnosis from a doctor to apply, but this can usually help

How much DLA can you get for your child?



DLA is made up of a care component, which has 3 different rates and a mobility component which has 2 different rates.

You could receive between £30.30 and £194.60 per week.

You will need to:

- Provide a detailed description of your child's needs during the day and night.
- Keep a diary to show the extra care your child needs.
- Show supporting evidence from a professional (school, health or therapist)


You can make a claim for Child DLA by downloading the form from GOV.UK or phone the helpline on 0800 121 4600



If you need help or advice with claiming Child DLA:

 Check out our [website](#) for more information

 Email us via our website ~ www.northhertscab.org.uk

 Or call us on 01462 689801