**Scottish Child Disability Payment (SCDP) is replacing Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children living in Scotland from 22nd November 2021.**

**If your child already gets DLA you cannot claim SCDP for them and they will remain on DLA until they are transferred to SCDP. They will be transferred without having to make a new claim.**

**Like DLA, SCDP is a benefit for children who have extra care or supervision needs and/or mobility problems because of a disability or long-term health condition. This might be a physical or mental disability or health condition.**

**Who can get Scottish Child Disability Payment?**

**Your child can get child disability payment if they:**

* **normally live in Scotland**
* **satisfy the rules about age**
* **satisfy the disability test for either the care component or the mobility component or both**
* **satisfy the residence conditions**
* **are not a ‘person subject to immigration control’**

**Rules about age**

* **To get the care component of the payment, your child must be at least three months, unless they are terminally ill in which case this rule does not apply.**
* **To get the higher rate of mobility component they must be at least three years old and to get the lower rate of the mobility component, they must be at least five years old.**

**For both components of the payment your child must be under 16 to claim, although, if it they are entitled from before their 16th birthday, they can continue to receive it up until they reach 18.**

**Who can get the care component?**

**If your child has extra care needs or needs extra supervision as a result of their disability or health condition, they may be entitled to the care component. The care needs or supervision must be more than, or different from, the needs that a child of their age would usually have.**

**The rate the child gets depends on the level of looking after they need, for example:**

* **lowest rate - help for some of the day**
* **middle rate - frequent help or constant supervision during the day, repeated help or supervision at night or someone to help while they are on dialysis**
* **highest rate - help or supervision during both day and night, or they are terminally ill**

**Unless they are terminally ill your child must have had the extra care or supervision needs for at least 13 weeks and expect to have them for at least a further 26 weeks.**

**Who can get the mobility component?**

**If your child has difficulty walking, cannot walk at all or needs extra supervision or guidance when walking outside, they may be entitled to the mobility component.**

**Your child can get the higher rate of the mobility component, if they are at least three years old and:**

* **are unable, or virtually unable, to walk, or**
* **the exertion needed to walk would lead to a danger to their life or deterioration in their condition, or**
* **have no legs or feet (regardless of use of artificial limbs), or**
* **are both blind and deaf, or**
* **have a severe visual impairment, or**
* **are**[**terminally ill**](https://cpag.org.uk/welfare-rights/resources/page/child-disability-payment-and-terminal-illness)**, or**
* **qualify for the highest rate of the care component and have a**[**‘severe mental impairment’**](https://cpag.org.uk/welfare-rights/resources/child-disability-payment-and-severe-mental-impairment)**and severe behavioural difficulties**

**Your child can get the lower rate of the mobility component, if they are at least five years old and because of mental or physical difficulties they cannot get about outside on unfamiliar route without supervision or guidance from another person most of the time. The supervision or guidance must be more than a child of their age would usually need.**

**Unless they are**[**terminally ill**](https://cpag.org.uk/welfare-rights/resources/page/child-disability-payment-and-terminal-illness)**your child must have had the mobility difficulties for 3 months and expect to have them for at least a further 26 weeks.**

**Residence conditions**

**As well as normally living in Scotland, to get child disability payment your child must usually have lived in the ‘common travel area’ (UK, Ireland, Channel Islands, Isle of Man) for 26 weeks out of the last 52. If your child is under 6 months, this is reduced to 13 weeks instead of 26 weeks and this rule does not apply at all if they are terminally ill.**

**How much is Scottish Child Disability Payment**

**The care component of SCDP is paid at one of three rates:**

* **Lowest rate: £23.70 a week**
* **Middle rate: £60.00 a week**
* **Highest rate: £89.60 a week**

**The mobility component is paid at one of two rates:**

* **Lower rate: £23.70 a week**
* **Higher rate: £62.55 a week**

**Your child can get both the care component and the mobility component if they are entitled, or they may get only the care component or only the mobility component.**

**How To Claim**

**You should claim as soon as you can if you think your child may be entitled to child disability payment as it cannot be backdated, unless your child is**[**terminally ill**](https://cpag.org.uk/welfare-rights/resources/page/child-disability-payment-and-terminal-illness)**.**

**To claim you can:**

* **phone Social Security Scotland on 0800 182 2222**
* **claim online at**[**mygov.scot**](https://www.mygov.scot/child-disability-payment/how-to-apply)
* **download a paper claim form from**[**mygov.scot**](https://www.mygov.scot/child-disability-payment/how-to-apply)

**If you disagree with the decision made by Social Security Scotland about Scottish Child Disability Payment, you can**[**challenge this decision**](https://cpag.org.uk/scotland/welfare-rights/scottish-benefits/disability-assistance/introduction-of-child-disability-assistance/child-disability-payment/challenging-a-CDP-decision)**by asking for a 'redetermination' and, if necessary, by appealing to a First-tier Tribunal.**

**If you need advice regarding this briefing or require assistance or representation to challenge a decision, please contact the Money Matter Advice Line on 01294 310456 or**

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