

Benefits

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

If your child needs more help or supervision than other children the same age, you can claim DLA. Click [here](#) for more information and to see the criteria for making a claim. Call The Benefit Enquiry Line on 0800 88 22 00 and ask them to send you a claim pack.

For guidance on how to complete the DLA forms see the [Cerebra website](#).

The current rates as are:

Care component: lowest £17.10, middle £43.15, highest £64.50

Mobility component (from age 3): lower £17.10, higher £45.00

Carers Allowance (CA)

Carers Allowance is paid to a carer of a disabled child or adult, there are eligibility restrictions on hours and earnings if you are in paid employment.

CA is taxable and counts as income for Income Support calculations. It also provides Class 1 National Insurance credits, which will improve your state retirement pension.

Check out www.direct.gov.uk for all the details. Call 0800 88 22 00 for a form and advice on how to fill it in.

The current rate is £48.65 a week.

Income Support: Carer & Disabled Child Premiums

If you are aged between 16 and 60, on a low income, not working or working on average less than 16 hours a week you may be able to claim Income Support. If you're also entitled to Carer's Allowance, you may be able to get an extra amount included in your Income Support.

If you are responsible for a child under 19, or in certain circumstances under 20, you will get this premium if either:

- the dependant is getting Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- the dependant is registered blind

If the dependant gets the highest-rate care component of DLA, you may get the enhanced disabled child premium.

For more information call JobCentre Plus on 0800 055 6688

Child & Working Tax Credit

Child Tax Credit is a means-tested allowance for parents and carers of children or young people who are still in full-time education. You may get an extra allowance if you're caring for a disabled child.

Working Tax Credit can be applied for if you have a child and you and your partner (if applicable) are working at least 16 hours a week. Also there are some exceptions if you don't work and care for children.

For more information on both Tax credits including rules and application forms, contact Inland Revenue Helpline on 0845 300 3900 or go to www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/taxcredits

Housing Benefit

If you're on a low income and need financial help to pay your rent, you may be able to get Housing Benefit. You may get extra money if you are caring for a disabled child or adult.