

Disability benefits

If you or someone you know is a Disabled person, or has a long-term health condition, you may be entitled to receive disability benefits

Disability benefits can be claimed from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) even if you work, have savings or are in full-time education. Here are some of the under-claimed Disability benefits:

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

For children aged up to 16 years old. The child must need extra care, attention and/or supervision, or have long-term mobility problems and/or difficulty getting around. Conditions can include ADHD, asthma, eczema or autism.

Call **0800 121 4600** or visit gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children

Personal Independence Payments (PIP)

For adults over 16 to state pension age. You can qualify if you need help with daily living, for example, getting washed, cooking, taking medication, or if you have difficulties with mobility. Call **0800 917 2222** or visit gov.uk/pip

Attendance Allowance (AA)

For people over state pension age who need help with care, attention, or supervision from another person, and who are not already receiving PIP or DLA. Call **0800 731 0122** or visit gov.uk/attendance-allowance

Health conditions that may qualify

Conditions that could help you qualify for DLA, PIP or AA include long-term conditions such as arthritis, asthma, heart problems, cancer, bowel or bladder incontinence, Crohn's disease, depression, PTSD, epilepsy, and dementia.

It's not the condition or impairment itself, but the help you need and the difficulties you experience due to how it affects you that counts.

If you are unsuccessful, seek free advice from a welfare rights adviser about appealing the DWP decision. Visit gov.uk/browse/benefits

Additional help

Qualifying for one of these benefits may entitle you to other benefits including Carers Allowance, Pension Credit, or help with your Housing Costs. It may also mean you are exempt from the benefits cap. There is helpful information on the Citizens Advice website on benefits, debt, housing and more. citizensadvice.org.uk

Cinema Exhibition Card

If you are awarded one of these benefits with a daily living or care element, you can apply for a Cinema Exhibition Card. This enables a Disabled cinema guest to receive a free ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema. Find out more here: ceacard.co.uk

Facilities Grant

If you are a Disabled person, you may be able to get a grant to adapt your home to improve accessibility. The maximum grant is up to £30,000. Find out more at: lbhf.gov.uk/disabled-facilities-grant

Personalised free home care and support

If you are Disabled or need help with day-to-day tasks including support with eating and drinking and personal care, please contact our Adult Social Care team. Visit lbhf.gov.uk/homecare

