

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

What is Disability Living Allowance (DLA)?

Disability Living Allowance is a benefit for those who have a disability that means you need help to look after yourself or to move around. It is not affected by your savings or income.

If you are aged over 65 years old, you should apply for [Attendance Allowance](#) rather than Disability Living Allowance.

Changes to Disability Living Allowance

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is ending for people who were born after 8th April 1948 and are 16 or over. No new claims for Disability Living Allowance can be made. All new claims must be for [Personal Independence Payment](#).

Anyone born after 8th April 1948 who is over 16 and claiming DLA will be sent a letter by the Department for Work and Pensions inviting them to claim Personal Independence Payment instead. The letter will tell you what to do next and by when.

Your DLA will end if you don't claim PIP in time. Your DLA will continue if you were born on or before 8 April 1948.

For more information visit [Gov.uk](#).

Please remember you must apply for [Personal Independence Payment](#). You will not be reassessed automatically.

The care component

The **care component** has three rates, depending on if you need help:

- for **some** of the day;
- during the day **or** night; or
- during both the day **and** the night.

The care component of Disability Living Allowance is for people who are physically or mentally ill or disabled and need help with care, or supervision from someone else.

The Mobility Component

The **mobility component** is for people who, for example, can't walk, or have great difficulty walking or need someone with them when walking outdoors.

How do I apply for Disability Living Allowance?

You are most likely to need to apply for [Personal Independence Payment](#) unless you are under 16 years old.

Contact [Disability Benefits Helpline](#) if you have any enquiries about your existing Disability Living Allowance claim.

Where can I get benefits advice?

You can get benefits advice from a local independent service. They can help guide you through the application process and explain how some benefits may impact upon another:

- [Citizens Advice Newcastle](#) give advice to anyone in Newcastle
 - [Newcastle Welfare Rights Service](#) give advice to people in priority groups including those over 65. They have [self help material](#) on their website.
 - [Disability North](#) give disability related benefit advice, help with appeals and representation at tribunals
 - [Search Newcastle](#) give benefits advice to older people in the West of Newcastle
 - Find more about [benefit advice services](#) available across Newcastle.
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Other Useful Information

- [DLA is changing; know the facts](#) – Factsheet from Gov.uk
- [Money Advice Service](#) provides online information on the full range of benefits that you may be entitled to. This also includes where to find more help and advice.
- [The Cinemas Exhibitors' Association \(CEA\) Card](#) costs £6 and entitles you to a free ticket for a carer accompanying you to the cinema. You can apply if you receive Disability Living Allowance; Attendance Allowance; Personal Independence Payment or Armed Forces Independence Payment or are registered as blind.

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Useful Organisations

Citizens Advice Newcastle (CAN)

Email: citycab@newcastlecab.org.uk

Website: <http://citizensadvice-newcastle.org.uk/>

Telephone: 0800 144 8444

Address: 4th Floor, City Library, NE1 8AX

Newcastle Welfare Rights Service

Email: welfare.rights@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: www.newcastle.gov.uk/welfare/rights

Telephone: 0191 277 2627

Cinemas Exhibitors' Association (CEA) Card

Email: info@ceacard.co.uk

Website: www.ceacard.co.uk

Telephone: 023 9224 8545

Address: CEA Card, PO7 6ZN

Department for Work and Pensions

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions>

Telephone: 0800 731 0469

Money Advice Service

Email: enquiries@moneyadviceservice.org.uk

Website: www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk

Telephone: 0800 731 0469

Address: Holborn Centre, EC1N 2TD

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Claim Line

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/pip/how-to-claim>

Telephone: 0800 917 2222

Address: Personal Independence Payment New Claims, WV99 1AH

Turn2us

Email: info@turn2us.org.uk

Website: www.turn2us.org.uk

Telephone: 0800 917 2222

Address: Unit 9, CF15 7QQ

Disability Benefits Helpline

Website: www.gov.uk/disability-benefits-helpline

Telephone: 0345 712 3456

Search Newcastle

Email: info@searchnewcastle.org.uk

Website: www.searchnewcastle.org.uk

Telephone: 0191 273 7443

Address: St Margaret's Church, NE15 6AR

Disability North

Email: reception@disabilitynorth.org.uk

Website: www.disabilitynorth.org.uk

Telephone: 0191 284 0480

Address: The Dene Centre, NE3 1PH

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