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Motability: car scheme for disabled people.

Motability is a charity which provides mobility solutions for disabled people. This includes help to lease a car, powered wheelchair or scooter.

How do I join the Motability Scheme?

To be eligible for the Motability scheme you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Higher Rate Mobility Component of **Disability Living Allowance**
- Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of **Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**
- War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement
- or the Armed Forces Independence Payment (AFIP)

No waiting lists, credit checks or medical assessments are needed. Even if you don't drive, you can apply for a car as a passenger and propose two other suitable people as drivers. Parents and carers can also make an application on behalf of a child aged three years old or older.

They have a Transitional support package for people moving from DLA to a PIP re-assessment.

What does The Motability Car Scheme involve?

The Motability Car Scheme allows you to exchange your mobility allowance for a reliable, brand new car every three years. This includes insurance, servicing, tyres, and road tax. You can choose from over 2,000 models and can place an order at a wide selection of dealerships.

The Motability Powered Wheelchair and Scooter Scheme gives you a choice from a wide range of powered wheelchairs and scooters, many of which don't require an advance payment or your full allowance to be used. This includes insurance, breakdown recovery, repairs and servicing.

Benefits of the Motability Scheme

Cars

- around 9% of scheme cars have adaptations fitted
- most adaptations are at no extra cost
- there are specialist adaptations installers who can advise you
- you can have a named driver or drive yourself

Adaptations include:

- a person hoist
- a boot hoist
- space for a wheelchair

Some adaptations can be transferred from car to car, so get advice from an expert.

Scooters and Wheelchairs

Motability Assist has launched an app which is free of charge to download that will help if you break down. It means that the team can obtain your exact location. You must download Motability Recovery from Play Store or App Store before you travel and follow the instructions to set it up. You can then click the button Rescue Me and send.

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