

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) - Children

DLA may help with the extra costs of looking after a child who is under 16 and has issues with mobility or who needs more looking after than a child of the same age who doesn't have a disability.

For children 16 or over you will need to apply for Person Independence Payment (PIP), please see our information sheet on this.

You can claim this benefit regardless of the parent or carer's employment status or financial situation. Getting DLA can help you qualify for extra amounts of other means-tested benefits and tax credits.

If you think that you might be entitled to claim DLA please complete a 'DLA claim form' – you can download this form at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-living-allowance-for-children-claim-form>

or order the form by phoning:

0800 121 4600

Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

Then send your form and the required evidence to the address on the form. Your child may be called for an assessment. If you do you will receive a letter requesting this.

For more information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children/overview>

There are lots of useful links on the process and what your options are if you are not successful.

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Benefit-guides/Disability-Living-Allowance-children/What-is-Disability-Living-Allowance#guide-content>

<https://contact.org.uk/advice-and-support/benefits-financial-hep/benefits-and-tax-credits/disability-living-allowance/>

The process can be very lengthy. Please contact our Patient and Family Support Worker if you would like more information or support with the process.