

Other Benefits

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Attendance Allowance:

In order to receive Attendance Allowance you must:

- Be State Pension Age or over
- Have a disability or illness that means you need help and/or supervision during the day and/or night.

Click <u>here</u> for more detailed information about Attendance Allowance.

Click <u>here</u> for BSL videos about Attendance Allowance.

Carers Allowance:

In order to receive Carers Allowance you must:

- Be aged 16 or over (but not in full time education)
- Earning under a certain amount per week- click here for the updated amounts.
- Be caring at least 35 hours per week for a disabled person in receipt of any of the following:
 - Attendance Allowance
 - Constant Attendance Allowance
 - The Care Component of DLA at the middle or higher rate
 - The Daily Living Component of PIP
 - Armed Forces Independent Payment

Click <u>here</u> for more detailed information about Carers Allowance.

Click <u>here</u> for BSL videos about Carers Allowance.



Disability Living Allowance (DLA):

DLA is the disability benefit for children.

To make a new claim for DLA for your child they must:

- Be aged under 16
- Have a condition (s) for at least 3 months with it expected to last for 6 months or more.
- As a result of their condition/disability require more care, attention or supervision than a child of the same age without that disability/condition AND/OR have difficulty walking or getting around outdoors compared to a child of the same age without that disability/condition.

Click <u>here</u> for more information about claiming DLA for a child.

Click <u>here</u> for BSL videos about DLA.

Some people may still be in receipt of DLA as an adult. DLA for adults was replaced by PIP and the DWP are still in the process of moving people over. Click here for more information about this.



'New style ESA' (contribution based):

To make a new claim for ESA, you must:

- Be aged 16 or over
- Have a condition that affects your ability to work
- Have earnt enough National Insurance contributions in the last relevant tax years. Click <u>here</u> for more information about this.
- Not in receipt of JSA or SSP (although you can make a claim for ESA up to 3 months before your SSP is due to end).
- Provide a fit note, read more about this <u>here</u>

ESA (old-style contribution based and income-related):

You can no longer make a new claim for 'income-related ESA', this has been replaced by Universal Credit.

If you are in receipt of income-related ESA, and have had a letter telling you to move to Universal Credit by a certain date, please see this.page about 'Managed Migration'.

If you are in receipt of income-related ESA and want to find out more about your claim, please <u>click here</u>.

If you are unsure about what type of ESA you receive, this will be on any letter you have received about your claim.



Housing Benefit:

If you are working age you can no longer make a new claim for Housing Benefit, this has been replaced by the Housing Costs Element of Universal Credit.

There are some limited circumstances where a working age person can make a new claim for Housing Benefit, please click here for more information about this.

If you are pension age and live alone or have a partner who is also pension age, you can make a new claim for Housing Benefit, please click here.

If you are in receipt of Housing Benefit and have had a letter telling you to move to Universal Credit by a certain date, please see this page about 'Managed Migration'.

If you are in receipt of Housing Benefit and want to find out more about this, please click <u>here</u>.

Jobseekers Allowance (JSA):

In order to make a claim for JSA, you must:

- Be working age
- Have sufficient class 1 National Insurance contributions in the last 2-3 years (click here for more information about your contributions)
- Available to work full time and actively looking for work
- Currently working less than 16 hours
- Not in full time-education

Click here for more detailed information about JSA.



Pension Credit:

In order to make a new claim for Pension Credit (Guarantee), you must:

- Have reached State Pension age
- Not have too much income/savings
- Live in the UK

Click <u>here</u> for more detailed information about Pension Credit.

Click <u>here</u> for a BSL video about Pension Credit.

If you reached State Pension Age before 06/04/2016, you may be eligible for 'Savings Credit'. Please click here for more information about Savings Credit if you are still in receipt of it.