# Carer’s Allowance Supplement

## What is it?

An extra payment for carers in Scotland who already receive Carer’s Allowance.

Carer’s Allowance Supplement is paid twice a year.

## Am I eligible?

You are automatically eligible if:

* You live in Scotland.
* You are receiving Carer’s Allowance from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) on the qualifying dates. In 2021, the qualifying dates are 12th April and 11th October.

## When can I apply?

You do not need to apply for Carer’s Allowance Supplement. You will be paid automatically if you are eligible. Social Security Scotland will send you a letter if you are due to get a payment.

## How much will I be paid?

The current payment is £231.40 every six months. Payments are made in June and December.

## Where can I find further information?

Further information about Carer’s Allowance Supplement can be found on the [mygov.scot website](https://www.mygov.scot/carers-allowance-supplement/)

If you do not currently receive Carer’s Allowance you may be eligible to apply if you are 16 or over, care for someone for at least 35 hours a week and they get certain benefits. Further information can be found on the [gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk/carers-allowance)

Many organisations provide welfare rights advice and support to apply for benefits. For details of support available in your local area please contact Visibility Scotland:

* By phone on **0141 332 4632**
* Email us
* [Visit our website](https://visibilityscotland.org.uk/)

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