# Child Winter Heating Assistance

## What is it?

An annual payment for parents and carers to help with the costs of heating for disabled children and young people.

## Am I eligible?

A child or young person is automatically eligible if:

* They get the highest rate care component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children on at least one day during the qualifying week
* They live in Scotland

The qualifying week is the third week in September each year.

The payment is made to the same account as the payments for DLA for children, which will usually be the account of a parent or carer on behalf of the child.

If a young person is over 16 and responsible for their own finances, the payment will be paid directly to them unless they have an appointee.

## When can I apply?

You do not need to apply for Child Winter Heating Assistance. 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 payment is £202 for each eligible child or young person in a household.

## Where can I find further information?

Further information about Child Winter Heating Assistance can be found at [www.mygov.scot/child-winter-heating-assistance](https://www.mygov.scot/child-winter-heating-assistance/)

A new benefit called Child Disability Payment is replacing DLA for children in Scotland. There will be no change to the amount you are paid and you will not need to attend an assessment.

Children and young people in Scotland will continue to get Child Disability Payment until they are 18.

DLA for children provides money for the extra costs of looking after a child with a disability. Further information can be found at [www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children](https://www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children)

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**
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