



Social Security Rights in Scotland

The Scotland Act 2016 allowed the Scottish Government to develop the following benefit schemes. These are provided in addition to those from UK Government e.g., State Pension. Follow this link for more information on UK-controlled benefits -

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/responsibility-for-benefits-overview/>

Access to Benefits: EU citizens with settled status

An EU citizen with settled status can access social security benefits in the same way as a UK citizen as long as they meet the eligibility criteria for the social security right.

Access to Benefits: EU citizens with pre-settled status

An EU citizen with pre-settled status must have a right to reside to be eligible for social security benefits. Follow this link for more information on the right to reside -

<https://www.gov.uk/right-to-reside>

Follow [this link](#) for more information on EU citizens right to access benefits.

An Outline of Benefits Offered in Scotland

- Child Disability Payment
- Child Winter Heating Assistance
- Social Security Scotland 5 family payments – Best Start Grant Pregnancy and baby payment, Best Start Foods, Scottish child payment, Best Start Grant, Best Start Grant Early Learning Payment, Best Start Grant School Age payment
- Young carer grant
- Carer's allowance supplement
- Job start payment
- Funeral Support Payment
- Adult Disability Payment

Child Disability Payment

What is it?

A payment made to cover some of the extra-cost that a disabled child may incur.

The payment is tax-free and made up of 2 components: care and mobility. Children over 3 months are eligible for the care component. Children over 3 years are eligible for the mobility component.

The care component has 3 different payment rates: lowest (£24.45 per week), middle (£61.85 per week) and highest (£92.40 per week). These rates depend on the level of care the child requires.

The mobility component has 2 different payment rates: lower (£24.45 per week) and higher (£64.50 per week). These rates depend on the level of mobility of the child. These figures are for April 2022 rates and increase annually.



Follow this link for more information on payment rates - <https://www.mygov.scot/child-disability-payment>

Follow this link for specific information on children with terminal illness - <https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/asset-storage/production/downloads/Child-Disability-Payment-terminal-illness-stakeholder-factsheet-V1.1.pdf>

Who can get it?

- Those under the age of 16 with a mental or physical disability.
- This payment will be made by Social Security Scotland until the child reaches 18 years of age.
- The disabled child does not require a diagnosis. The applicant may tell Social Security Scotland the symptoms of the child.
- Follow this link for more information on who can make the application - <https://www.mygov.scot/child-disability-payment/applicants>

When is it paid?

Child Disability Payment is paid every 4 weeks into the account provided as part of the application.

If the Child is terminally ill, Child Disability Payment is paid weekly in advance

The earliest this payment will be made is:

- The date the first part of your application was submitted online
- The date you first phoned Social Security Scotland to begin your application, if you applied by phone and paper form

When the Child turns 16 Social Security Scotland will be in contact to determine if the child can manage their own Child Disability Payment or receive any payments directly

How can you apply?

There is a 2-stage application process which can be completed online or by phone and paper (the application is started over the phone and the next stage is sent with a prepaid envelope to be completed).

If the child is terminally ill there is only 1 stage to speed up the application.

The 2 stages should be completed within 6 weeks of each other.

Follow this link for more information on how to apply - <https://www.mygov.scot/child-disability-payment/how-to-apply>

Unhappy with the decision?

- If you are unhappy with the decision on your application, you can ask Social Security to look at their decision again by asking them for a 're-determination'.



- You can appeal that redetermination to the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland within 31 days of the re-determination. Follow this link for more information on how to apply for re-determination/appeal - <https://www.mygov.scot/child-disability-payment/disagree-decision>

Child Winter Heating Assistance

What is it?

A £214.10 payment made every November to families of disabled children and young people to help heat their home. This figure is for 2022 rates and will be reviewed annually.

Who can get it?

Disabled children and young people in Scotland who are eligible for

- the highest rate care component of Disability Living Allowance for children
- the highest rate care component of Child Disability Payment
- the enhanced daily living component of Personal Independence Payment for those aged between 16 and 18

Follow this link for more information on who can apply - <https://www.mygov.scot/child-winter-heating-assistance/who-can-get-child-winter-heating-assistance>

How can you apply?

- Social Security Scotland will make this payment automatically based on information from the Department for Work and Pensions.
- Payments will be made to the same bank account as the individual's Disability Living Allowance for Children or Personal Independence Payment. When the young person turns 16 the payment will be sent to them directly or someone that represents them.
- Follow this link for more information about how to apply outside Scotland - <https://www.mygov.scot/child-winter-heating-assistance/who-can-get-child-winter-heating-assistance>

Unhappy with the decision?

Social Security Scotland may be asked to reconsider their decision within a certain time frame either by freepost or freephone.

This decision may be appealed to the Social Security Chamber of the First-Tier Tribunal for Scotland.

Follow this link for more information on re-determination and appeal and contact information - <https://www.mygov.scot/if-you-do-not-agree-with-a-benefit-decision>

Social Security Scotland 5 Payments

1. Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment



A payment of £642.35 for the birth of a first child and £321.20 payment for all children after that. An extra £321.20 will be paid for a multiple birth. This can be applied for between 24 weeks of pregnancy until the baby is 6 months old. These figures are for April 2022 rates.

Follow this link for more information - <https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/how-it-works>

2. Best Start Foods

A payment of £18 every 4 weeks during pregnancy and for children between 1 and 3 years old. This payment increases to £36 every 4 weeks for children under 1 year old. This is given through a pre-paid chip and pin Mastercard for listed healthy food items. These are for August 2021 rates.

Follow this link for more information - <https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/how-it-works>

3. Scottish Child Payment

A payment of £80 made every 4 weeks for each child under the age of 6. This is for families receiving certain benefits to help with the cost of looking after children. This figure is for April 2022 rates.

Follow this link for more information - <https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment>

4. Best Start Grant Early Learning Payment

A payment of £267.65 for children between 2 and 3.5 years of age. This can be applied for even if the child is not taking part in nursery. These figures are for April 2022 rates.

Follow this link for more information - <https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/how-it-works>

5. Best Start Grant School Age Payment

A payment of £267.65 to help cover the cost of children starting school. These figures are for April 2022 rates. Follow this link for more information - <https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/how-it-works>

How?

You can apply online, by free phonenumber or by freepost. Follow this link for more information on how to apply - <https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/how-to-apply>

Follow this link to find out which benefits make you eligible to receive these payments - <https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/best-start-apply>

Unhappy with the decision?

Social Security Scotland may be asked to reconsider their decision within a certain time frame either by freepost or freephone.



This decision may be appealed to the Social Security Chamber of the First-Tier Tribunal for Scotland (except Best Start Foods).

Follow this link for more information on re-determination and appeal and contact information - <https://www.mygov.scot/if-you-do-not-agree-with-a-benefit-decision>

Young Carer Grant

What is it?

A payment of £326.65 made every year to young carers between the ages of 16 and 18 if they care for someone getting a disability benefit. The payment is made into whichever account the young carer chooses. This figure is for April 2022 rates.

Who can get it?

The young carer must have been caring for an average of at least 16 hours every week for the last 3 months. The young carer must be caring for someone getting a qualifying benefit. For more information on who is eligible, follow this link -

<https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/asset-storage/production/downloads/Young-Carer-Grant-factsheet-English.pdf>

How can you apply?

You can apply online, by free phonenumber or by freepost. Follow this link for more information on how to apply - <https://www.mygov.scot/young-carer-grant/how-to-apply>

Unhappy with the decision?

Social Security Scotland may be asked to reconsider their decision within a certain time frame either by freepost or freephone.

This decision may be appealed to the Social Security Chamber of the First-Tier Tribunal for Scotland.

Follow this link for more information on re-determination and appeal and contact information - <https://www.mygov.scot/if-you-do-not-agree-with-a-benefit-decision>

Carer allowance supplement

What is it?

A payment of £245.70 to those who receive full/partial Carer's Allowance on specific dates. This payment is automatically paid every 6 months. These figures are for April 2022 rates. This amount will be reviewed annually.

Who can get it?

This payment will be made to carers that live in Scotland and get Carer's Allowance twice a year.



How can you apply?

You can apply online, by free phonenumber or by freepost. Follow this link for more information on how to apply - <https://www.mygov.scot/carers-allowance-supplement/payments>

Unhappy with the decision?

Decisions on Carer's Allowance Supplement may be re-determined or appealed if the individual is sufficiently linked to Scotland but lives outside the UK but in the European Economic Area or Switzerland.

Social Security Scotland may be asked to reconsider their decision within a certain time frame either by freepost or freephone.

This decision may be appealed to the Social Security Chamber of the First-Tier Tribunal for Scotland.

Follow this link for more information on re-determination and appeal and contact information - <https://www.mygov.scot/if-you-do-not-agree-with-a-benefit-decision>

Job Start Payment

What is it?

A payment of £267.65 to those between 16 - 24 years of age who are starting a new job after 6 or more months of unemployment. People with children will receive £428.25. These figures are for April 2022 rates.

Who can get it?

- This payment will be made to those between 16-24 years of age or those who are between 16-25 and are care leavers. They must have secured a job offer and be living in Scotland on the day this offer was received. Their job must be at least 12 hours a week or average that over a 4-week period.
- This individual must have been out of paid work and claiming a qualifying benefit for 6 months or more. Follow this link for more information on qualifying benefits - <https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/asset-storage/production/downloads/Job-Start-Payment-factsheet-English.pdf>

How can you apply?

You can apply online, by free phonenumber or by freepost. Follow this link for more information on how to apply - <https://www.mygov.scot/job-start-payment/how-to-apply>

Unhappy with the decision?

Social Security Scotland may be asked to reconsider their decision within a certain time frame either by freephone.

Follow this link for more information on re-determination and appeal and contact information - <https://www.mygov.scot/if-you-do-not-agree-with-a-benefit-decision>

Funeral Support Payment

What is it?

- A one-off payment to help cover funeral costs for those who receive certain benefits if the person who died lives in the United Kingdom. Follow this link for more information about the rate that will be paid in your area - <https://www.mygov.scot/funeral-support-payment/who-can-apply-and-when>
- This payment is for funerals which take place in the United Kingdom and, in some circumstances EU Countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. Follow this link (in the 'Who Can Get The Funeral Support Payment' section) for more information about funerals outside the United Kingdom - [https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/scotland/benefits/bereavement-and-funeral-benefits/bereavement-and-funeral-benefits/scottish-funeral-support-payment/#Who can get the funeral support payment](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/scotland/benefits/bereavement-and-funeral-benefits/bereavement-and-funeral-benefits/scottish-funeral-support-payment/#Who%20can%20get%20the%20funeral%20support%20payment)

Who can get it?

- A payment to the individual responsible for paying for the funeral who lives in Scotland.
- You must receive one of the following benefits: Universal Credit, Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, Child Tax Credit or Credit and Disability or Severe Disability element of Working Tax Credit.

How do you apply?

- The death must be registered, and the funeral director must have consent to discuss the application with Social Security Scotland before an application is made.
- You can apply online, by free phonenumber or by freepost. Follow this link for more information on how to apply - <https://www.mygov.scot/funeral-support-payment/how-to-apply>

Unhappy with the decision?

- Social Security Scotland may be asked to reconsider their decision within a certain time frame either by freepost or freephone.
- This decision may be appealed to the Social Security Chamber of the First-Tier Tribunal for Scotland.
- Follow this link for more information on re-determination and appeal and contact information - <https://www.mygov.scot/if-you-do-not-agree-with-a-benefit-decision>

New Adult Disability Payment

In addition, a new Adult Disability Payment is being introduced. It has opened for applications from people living in three pilot areas and will gradually be rolled out in phases across Scotland. For more details, see here: <https://www.mygov.scot/adult-disability-payment>



PLEASE NOTE: this factsheet only gives a summary of the rights you might be entitled to. It does not give a full description of your legal rights and should not be regarded as legal advice. If you want more detailed information on your legal rights, and how it might affect your personal circumstances, you should take advice from a qualified lawyer or other advisor.

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