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How to... Apply for Carer's Allowance

What is Carer's Allowance?

*In this how to guide
you'll find out
about...*

Carer's Allowance is a benefit for people who regularly spend at least 35 hours a week caring for a disabled child or adult. Carer's Allowance is not means tested, so it doesn't matter how much you've saved or how much you earn.

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Does caring for my disabled child make me eligible?

To get Carer's Allowance you must be caring for a child or adult who is receiving one of the following:

- daily living component of the Personal Independence Payment
- either higher or middle rate care component of Disability Living Allowance
- Attendance Allowance

You must also...

- be aged 16 or over
- be caring for at least 35 hours a week
- not be in full time education (21 hours a week)
- be present and resident in Great Britain

How much is Carer's Allowance?

The rate is £62.10 per week for you. If you already get income support, income related employment and support allowance, income related jobseeker's allowance, housing benefit or council tax benefit then you might be able to apply for the carer premium as well.

What is Carer's Allowance for?

Carer's Allowance is to help you look after someone with substantial caring needs. You must be 16 or over and spend at least 35 hours a week caring for them. Carer's Allowance is taxable.

Can I claim if I am working?

If you are working, you can still claim Carer's Allowance if you do not earn more than £100 a week after deductions.

How do I apply?

You claim on form DS700. These forms are available from a Job Centre Plus office, Pension Centre or by calling 0845 608 4321 - text phone 0845 604 5312 (0800 220 674 in Northern Ireland).

You can also claim Carer's Allowance online in Great Britain at www.dwp.gov.uk/carersallowance/.

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