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More About Disability Living Allowance for your child: Care and Mobility

Disability Living Allowance or DLA is the main benefit to help you pay for the extra costs of caring for your child.

DLA for children has 2 parts, which are called components:

- The care part or component of DLA is paid if your child needs a lot of extra care or support.
- The mobility part or component is paid if your child needs help getting around.

Your child might be able to get DLA money for 1 or both components.

More about the care component of DLA

A child can get the care **component** of DLA from three months or from birth if they have a terminal illness.

The care component is paid at one of 3 different rates:

- Lowest
- Middle
- Highest

The rate you are paid will depend on:

- How much extra care and support your child needs with personal care like dressing, washing, using the toilet eating and emotional support.
- If the extra care and support is needed during the day or night or both day and night.

Your child may get the lowest rate care if they need extra care and support with their personal care for some of the day.

Your child may get the middle rate care if they need extra care during the day **or** night.

Your child may get the highest rate care if they need extra care during the day **and** night or if they are terminally ill.

More about the Mobility Component of DLA

The mobility component of DLA is paid to children who need help in getting around.

It is paid at one of two rates:

- Lower
- Higher

The rate your child gets depends on what extra support they need to get around.

Lower rate

Your child may get the lower rate mobility component if:

- They can walk but need support
- They need someone to watch over them when outdoors.

The lower rate of mobility can be paid from the age of five.

Higher rate

Your child may get higher rate mobility component if:

- They are unable to walk or are 'virtually unable to walk'
- They can only walk a short distance without severe discomfort
- They become very ill if they try to walk.
- They are deaf, blind or severely visually impaired.
- Some children with a learning disability or an autism diagnosis can also get the higher rate of the mobility component

The higher rate of mobility can be paid from the age of three

Visit Contact's website for more information about DLA, including tips for answering all the questions on the DLA form: www.contact.org.uk/dla