

# Disability and Carers Service

Department for Communities

# Disability Living Allowance for a child under 16

**We received the request for this claim form on:**

 

We will treat this claim as made on this date if you return it to us by the date in the next box.

**Please send the claim form back by:**

 

Allow a few days for the form to reach us by post- if it will not reach us by this date, tell us why at question 70.

**Note: If this form is being used as a review form, the above does not apply**

If your child is currently in hospital, please call us on Freephone **0800 587 0912** before you fill in this form if you are making a renewal claim.

If you want help filling in any part of this claim form, read the **information booklet** or call us on Freephone **0800 587 0912**.

If you have speech or hearing difficulties, you can contact us by textphone on **0800 012 1574**.

We can provide an interpreter if you phone or visit us.

This form is available in large print or braille.

Please contact us on Freephone **0800 587 0912**.

## About the child

**1 Surname or family name**

**All other names in full**

**2 Child reference number**  
(if you know it)

**3 Date of birth** (day/  
month/year)

 

**4 Sex**

Male ☐ Female ☐

**5 Full address where the child lives**

Postcode									

## Special rules

### 6 Are you claiming for the child under the special rules?

The special rules apply to children who have a progressive disease and are not expected to live longer than another 6 months.

**Yes** ☐ Please continue below.    **No** ☐ Go to question 7.

Make sure you:

- answer all the questions on the form that apply to you, or the child you are claiming for, **apart from questions 38 to 56**
- answer **questions 26 to 37** if the child has any walking difficulties.

To deal with the claim as quickly as possible it is important you send a DS1500 report about the child's medical condition with the claim. You can get the report from the child's doctor or specialist. You will not have to pay for it and the child does not have to see the doctor. The doctor's receptionist, a nurse or a social worker can arrange it for you.

If you have not got a DS1500 report by the time you have filled in the claim form, send the form straight away. If you wait the child could lose money. Send the DS1500 report as soon as you can.

#### **Getting DLA under the special rules means:**

- the child gets the care part of DLA at the highest rate
- they get paid straight away unless they are in a hospital, residential care home, boarding school or similar place
- we deal with the claim more quickly.

**You must still tell us about any changes that may affect how much money the child gets.**

**7 What is the child's nationality?**

For example, British, Spanish,  
Turkish

**If the child is Swiss or a European Economic Area (EEA) national, were they living in the United Kingdom (UK) before 1 January 2021?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not know ☐

**8 Does the child normally live in Northern Ireland?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

**9 Has the child been abroad for more than 4 weeks at a time in the last 3 years?**

Abroad means out of Northern Ireland.

Yes ☐ We may contact you for more details. No ☐ Please continue below.

**10 Entitlement to other benefits from an EEA State or Switzerland**

Is the child's parent or guardian receiving any pensions or benefits from an EEA state or Switzerland?

Yes ☐ We will contact you about this. No ☐ Go to question 11.

Do not know ☐ We will contact you about this.

**11 Entitlement to other benefits from an EEA State or Switzerland**

Is the child's parent or guardian working in or paying insurance to an EEA state or Switzerland? By insurance we mean connected to work, like UK National Insurance.

Yes ☐ We will contact you about this. No ☐ Go to question 12.

Do not know ☐ We will contact you about this.

**12 Is the child in a hospital or hospice now, or have they been admitted in the past 12 months?**

Yes ☐ Please continue below. No ☐ Go to question 13.

If your child is currently in hospital, please call us on **Freephone 0800 587 0912** before you fill in this form if you are making a renewal claim.

**Please tell us when they went in and when they came out.**

In

Out

In

Out

**Full name and address of the hospital or hospice**

Postcode								

**Phone number**

Include the dialling code.

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**Why did they go in?**


**Does or did a Health and Social Care Trust or a government department fund their stay?**

Yes

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No

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**13 Is the child in a residential college or similar place now, or have they been in the past 12 months?**

For example, a residential care home, boarding school or similar place.

If the child is in a residential college or similar place when you claim we will not usually pay DLA care unless you are paying all the costs of their accommodation, board and personal care without help from a Health and Social Care Trust, Education Authority or a government department.

**Yes**

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Please continue below.

**No**

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Go to question 14.

**Please tell us when they went in and when they came out.**

In

Out

In

Out

**Full name and address of where they are or were staying**

Postcode								

**Phone number**

Include the dialling code.

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**Does or did a Health and Social Care Trust, Education Authority or a government department pay any costs for them to live there?**

**Yes** ☐ Please continue below.    **No** ☐ Go to question 14.

**Which Health and Social Care Trust, Education Authority or government department pays or paid?**

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We ask about people involved in the child's care and may contact them before we make a decision.

They do not decide if the child can get DLA.

**14** **In the last 12 months, has the child seen anyone apart from their GP about their illnesses or disabilities?**

For example, a hospital doctor, consultant, nurse, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, educational psychologist, social worker or support worker.

**Yes** ☐ Tell us below who they have seen.    **No** ☐ Go to question 15.

**If they see or have recently seen more than one professional, tell us the other professionals' details at question 70 Extra information.**

**Name**

For example, Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr.

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**Profession or specialist area**

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**Full address**

For example, health centre, hospital, office or their place of work.

Postcode								

**Phone number**

Include the dialling code.

**The child's hospital record number**

You can find this on their appointment card or letter.

**Which illness or disability do they see the child about?****When did they last see the child about their illness or disability?****15 Name of the child's GP**

If you do not know the GP's name, tell us the name of the surgery or health centre.

**Full address**

Postcode									

**Phone number**

Include the dialling code.

**When did they last see the child about their illness or disability?****16 Has the child had or are they waiting for tests to help diagnose, treat or monitor their illnesses or disabilities?**

For example, audiogram, MRI scan, cognitive development or IQ test, or something else.

**Yes**☐

Tell us about it in the table below.

**No**☐

Go to question 17.

Date and type of test	What did the test show?
<b>Example</b> June 2019 Eyesight test	They needed to see a hospital doctor

**17 Do you have any reports, letters or assessments about the child's illnesses or disabilities?**

These may be from the people who treat or help them with their illnesses or disabilities. For example, doctors, health visitors or occupational therapists.

**Yes** ☐ Please continue below. **No** ☐ Go to question 18.

**Tell us what reports you have.** For example, educational psychologist's report or Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI). Please do not include things like appointment letters or general information about the child's condition like fact sheets or information from the Internet.


**Send us a photocopy with this claim form or as soon as you can, as it may help us deal with your claim.** Please send us the most up-to-date copies of your reports. We cannot return any documents to you.

**18 Name of the child's school or nursery**

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**Full address**

Postcode								

**Phone number**

Include the dialling code.

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**Person we can contact**

For example, a teacher.

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**19 Does the child have or are they waiting to hear about an Individual Education Plan (IEP), Individual Behaviour Plan (IBP) or statement of Special Educational Needs (statement)?**

If the child needs help under School Action or School Action Plus, a teacher prepares the IEP or IBP which sets out the help they need. If more help is needed, the Education Authority may complete an assessment and issue a letter, a Note in Lieu, or a statement.

**Yes** ☐ Please tick the boxes that apply. **No** ☐ Go to question 20.

**Send us a photocopy, if you can, as it may help us deal with your claim.**

We cannot return any documents to you.

- ☐ They have an IEP or IBP.
- ☐ They have a statement, Note in Lieu or letter.
- ☐ I am waiting to hear.

## 20 Statement from someone who knows the child

**This part does not have to be filled in.** But if it is filled in, this may help us deal with your claim. It could be filled in by someone who treats or helps the child, or someone else involved in their care.

### Statement to be filled in by the person who knows the child.

Use the space below to tell us:

- the child's illnesses or disabilities and how they affect the child, and
- how you help the child.


**Signature**

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**Date**

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**Name (please use block capitals)**

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**Full address**

Postcode								

**Phone number**

Include the dialling code.

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**Job or profession**

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**Relationship to child,**  
if applicable.

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**When did you last see the child?**

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## Consent

We may want to contact the child's GP, or the people or organisations involved with the child, for information about this claim. This may include medical information.

We, or any health care professional working for an organisation approved by the Department, may ask any person or organisation to give them or us any information, including medical information, which we need to deal with:

- this claim for benefit, or
- any appeal or other request to reconsider a decision about this claim.

Any information that we ask for is necessary to enable DfC to carry out its official duties. The legal basis for the request is GDPR Article 6(1)(e) and Article 9(2)(b) for special category information.

**Please make sure you sign the declaration at question 71.**

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## The Motability Scheme

The Motability Scheme allows disabled people to lease a car, scooter or powered wheelchair in exchange for all or some of their mobility payments. Parents and carers can join the scheme on behalf of a child aged three and above.

**If the child is eligible for help from Motability, would you like us to post you information about the help they can offer? We will not share any personal details with Motability.**

Yes

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No

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If you decide you do not want to receive information about Motability in the future, please contact us on 0800 587 0912 to let us know.

## The questions we ask and why we ask them

DLA is a benefit to help with extra costs because:

- the child has difficulties walking, or
- the child needs extra looking after, because of their illness or disability.

By 'extra looking after' we mean much more than another child of the same age.

We ask about the child's illnesses or disabilities, the treatment they have, the difficulties they have walking outdoors and the extra looking after they need.

We understand it may be upsetting for you to think about what the child cannot do, but we need this information to make the right decision.

Tell us about the help they need most of the time. You can use the box at the end of each question to tell us:

- about your tick-box answers
- how their needs vary, and
- anything else you think we should know about the help they need.

### If you need help to fill in the rest of the form

In the **information booklet** we:

- explain the questions we ask
- tell you how to answer the questions, and
- give you examples of other things you can tell us.

When you see



you can use the **information booklet** to help you understand and answer the questions.

## About the child's illnesses or disabilities

**23** List the child's illnesses or disabilities in the table below.

- **Illness or disability** may be a physical, sight, hearing, speech, learning or developmental difficulty, or a mental-health problem. If they do not have a diagnosis, tell us their difficulty. For example, if they have problems learning new things and you do not know why, put 'Learning problem'.
- How long may be from birth or the date the problem started. It is not the date of diagnosis.
- Treatment may be medicines such as tablets, creams or injections and things like speech, occupational or play therapy, physiotherapy or counselling.
- How often they have each treatment and for how long. The label on the child's medicine has the name, dose and how often to take it.

If you have a spare **up-to-date prescription list** send it to us with this form.

Illness or disability	How long have they had it?	What treatment do they have for it?	How often do they have treatment?
<b>Examples</b> ADHD	Problems started aged 4	Cognitive behaviour therapy Ritalin 30 milligrams (mg)	One hourly session a week One a day
Eczema	About one year	Promethazine 5 mg 1% Hydrocortisone cream E45 Emollient bath oil	One before bed 3 times a day Daily
Visually impaired	From birth	Play therapy	Every day

If you need more space to tell us about their illnesses or disabilities, please continue at question 70 **Extra information**.

**24 Does the child use, or have they been assessed for, any aids or adaptations?**

**Yes** ☐ Please continue below. **No** ☐ Go to question 25.

Tell us in the table below about any:

- aids used at home, at school or anywhere else
- aids or adaptations they have been assessed for or are waiting for
- help they need to use it. This could be encouragement, prompting or physical help.

Put a tick next to the aid or adaptation if it was prescribed by a health care professional. For example, an occupational therapist.



Use page 9 of the **information booklet**.

Aids and adaptations	✓	What help do they need to use the aid or adaptation?
<b>Example of aid</b> Picture Exchange Cards	✓	Encouragement to use cards to communicate
<b>Example of adaptation</b> Bed rails		No help needed

If you need more space to tell us about their aids or equipment, please continue at question 70 **Extra information**.

### When the child needs help

We understand the help a child needs can vary from day to day or week to week.

To make the right decision, we need to know if the help the child needs is the same most of the time or varies.

**Tick the box below that applies to them.**

#### The help they need:

- is the same most of the time ☐
- varies ☐

**Tell us in the box below how their needs vary.**

For example:

- every 3 to 4 weeks they have a couple of good days
- they need more looking after when their condition gets worse, 2 to 3 times a year, or
- they have treatment 3 times a week and need more looking after the day after.


## Mobility questions

**Mobility** – these questions are about the difficulty that the child has walking outdoors because of their illnesses or disabilities.

Questions 26 to 32 are about the physical difficulties a child has walking. This is for children **age 3 and over**.

Questions 33 to 35 are about the guidance and supervision they need when walking outdoors most of the time. This is for children **age 5 and over**.

The following questions ask about ‘they’. This means the child you are claiming DLA for.

# Mobility

These are about their ability to physically walk outdoors on a reasonably flat surface. We cannot consider any problems they have walking on steps, slopes or uneven ground. If their problems are not physical, do not answer questions 26 to 32. Tell us about any behavioural difficulties with walking at questions 33 to 35.

## 26 Can they physically walk?

Tick **No** if they cannot walk at all.

**Yes** ☐ Go to question 27.

**No** ☐ Go to question 37 to tell us how long they have been unable to walk.

## 27 Do they have physical difficulties walking?

This means problems with how far they can walk, how long it takes, their walking speed, the way they walk, or the effort of walking and how this may affect their health.

**Yes** ☐ Go to question 28.

**No** ☐ Go to question 33.

## 28 Please tick the boxes that best describe how far they can walk without severe discomfort and how long it takes them.

This means the total distance they can walk before they stop and cannot go on because of severe discomfort. This may include short stops to catch their breath or ease pain.

**We understand this can be difficult to work out.**

It may help to do the following things when you are out walking with the child:

- Count the steps you take to see how far they have walked. If they walk 100 of your steps, they have walked about 90 metres (100 yards).
- Check the time when you start and stop to see how long it takes.



Use page 9 of the **information booklet**.

### They can walk:

- over 200 metres (218 yards)
- 51 to 200 metres (56 to 218 yards)
- 50 metres (55 yards) or less
- a few steps

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### It takes them:

- more than 5 minutes
- 3 to 4 minutes
- 1 to 2 minutes
- less than a minute

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**29** Please tick the box that best describes their walking speed.

**Normal**

This means they can easily keep up with friends.

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**Slow**

This means they can only keep up with friends with a lot of effort.

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**Very Slow**

This means they cannot keep up with friends.

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**30** Please tick the box that best describes the way they walk.

**They:**

- walk normally
- walk with a limp
- shuffle
- drag their leg
- walk with one or both feet turned inwards
- walk on their toes
- have poor balance

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If they have other difficulties with the way they walk, tell us below what they are.


**31** Does the effort of walking seriously affect their health?

For example, walking can cause bleeding into the knee and ankle joints.

**Yes** ☐ Tell us below how their health is affected. **No** ☐ Go to question 32.


**32** If you want to tell us why you have ticked the boxes, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.

For example, they have more pain or tiredness if they walk too far the day before.




**33** Do they need guidance or supervision most of the time when they walk outdoors?



Use page 10 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes** ☐ Tick the boxes that apply.

**No** ☐ Go to question 34.

**Can they:**

**Yes**

**No**

- find their way around places they know?
- ask for and follow directions?
- walk safely next to a busy road?
- cross a road safely?
- understand common dangers outdoors?

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**Do they regularly:**

**Yes**

**No**

- become anxious, confused or disorientated?
- display unpredictable behaviour?
- need physical restraint?
- refuse to walk?

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**34** Do they fall due to their disability?

**Yes** ☐ Please continue below.

**No** ☐ Go to question 35.

Tell us the number of falls each month

**They:**

**Yes**

**No**

- can get up without help
- have had injuries needing hospital treatment

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**35** If you want to tell us why you have ticked the boxes, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.

For example, they are frightened by loud noises and behave without thinking about danger.


## Extra information about mobility

**36** If you want to tell us anything else about their mobility, use the box below.


**37** When did the child's mobility needs you have told us about start?

Normally, the child can only get the mobility part of DLA if they have needed help for more than 3 months.

**Please tell us the date the mobility needs you have told us about started.**

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If you cannot remember the exact date, tell us roughly when this was.

**If you are claiming under the special rules, go straight to question 57.**

## Care questions

**Care** – these questions are about the extra looking after that the child needs because of their illnesses or disabilities. These questions are for children of **all ages**.

Questions 38 to 53 are about the help they need during the day.

For example, if a child gets up at **7am** and goes to bed at **8pm** and the parents get up at **7am** and go to bed at **11pm**, day time would be **7am to 11pm**. Any help needed after **11pm** would count as help during the night.

The following questions ask about ‘they’. This means the child you are claiming DLA for.

### Care

**38** Do they need encouragement, prompting, or physical help to get into or out of or settle in bed during the day?

This means waking up, lifting their legs into or out of bed, sitting up from lying down or settling in bed ready to go to sleep.



Use page 11 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes**

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Please continue below.

**No**

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Go to question 39.

Tell us how often they need help each day and how long it takes each time.

**They need encouragement, prompting or physical help to:**

- wake up
- get out of bed
- get into bed
- settle in bed

**How often each day?**

**How long each time?**

minutes

minutes

minutes

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**If you want to tell us why they need help, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they may need to follow a set routine to go to or get out of bed.


**39** Do they need encouragement, prompting, or physical help to go to or use the toilet during the day?

This means going to the toilet, managing their clothes, getting on and off the toilet, using the toilet, cleaning themselves and coping with continence care.



Use page 12 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes**

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Tick the boxes that apply.

**No**

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Go to question 40.

**They need encouragement, prompting or physical help to:**

- go to the toilet
- manage clothes
- get on and off the toilet
- wipe themselves
- wash and dry their hands
- manage a catheter, ostomy or stoma
- manage nappies or pads

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**If you want to tell us why you have ticked the boxes, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they have pain and become distressed.


**40** Do they need encouragement, prompting, or physical help to move around indoors, use stairs or get into or out of a chair during the day?

A chair is any type of chair including a wheelchair.

This means moving from one place to another, using stairs, getting into, sitting in, and getting out of a chair. Indoors is in their home, a friend's home, school, college, or anywhere else inside.



Use page 13 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes**

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Tick the boxes that apply.

**No**

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Go to question 41.

**They need encouragement, prompting or physical help to:**

- go up and down one step
- go upstairs
- go downstairs
- move around safely
- get into or out of a chair
- sit in a chair

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**If you want to tell us why you have ticked the boxes, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they bump into furniture and doors.


**41 Do they need encouragement, prompting, or physical help to wash, bath, shower and check their appearance during the day.**

This means getting in and out of a bath or shower, washing their hair, drying themselves, using soap, using a toothbrush and checking their appearance.

**i** Use page 14 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes** ☐ Please continue below. **No** ☐ Go to question 42.

Tell us how often they need help each day and how long it takes each time.

**They need encouragement, prompting or physical help to:**

**How often each day?**

**How long each time?**

• have a wash



• clean their teeth



• wash their hair



• get in or out of the bath



• get in or out of the shower



• clean themselves in the bath or shower



• dry themselves after a bath or shower



• check their appearance



**If you want to tell us why they need help, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, when they are in the bath they need telling repeatedly what to do and how to do it.


**42 Do they need encouragement, prompting, or physical help to dress and undress during the day?**

This means choosing the right clothes for the weather or activity, choosing clean clothes, putting clothes on in the correct order, moving their arms or legs to put clothes on or take them off. This is any dressing or undressing except when using the toilet.



Use page 15 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes** ☐ Please continue below. **No** ☐ Go to question 43.

Tell us how often they need help each day and how long it takes each time.

**They need encouragement, prompting or physical help to:**

**How often each day?**

**How long each time?**

- dress
- undress
- manage zips, buttons or other fastenings
- choose appropriate clothes









**If you want to tell us why they need help, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they follow a set routine that takes a long time.


**43 Do they need encouragement, prompting, or physical help to eat and drink during the day?**

This means getting food into their mouth, chewing, swallowing, using cutlery, cutting up food, holding a cup, getting it to their mouth and drinking.



Use page 16 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes** ☐ Please continue below. **No** ☐ Go to question 44.

Tell us how often they need help each day and how long it takes each time.

**They need encouragement, prompting or physical help to:**

**How often each day?**

**How long each time?**

- eat
- use a spoon
- cut up food on their plate
- drink using a cup
- be tube or pump fed

 minutes

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 minutes

**If you want to tell us why they need help, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they cannot see what food is on the plate.




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### Do they need encouragement, prompting, or physical help to take medicine or have therapy during the day?

Taking medicine includes tablets, injections, eye drops, knowing what to take, how much to take and when to take it.

Having therapy includes blood sugar testing, peak flow checks, physio, oxygen, speech, play and behaviour therapy, knowing what to do, how much to do and when to do it.



Use page 17 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes** ☐ Please continue below. **No** ☐ Go to question 45.

Tell us how often they need help each day and how long it takes each time.

#### They need encouragement, prompting or physical help to:

- take the correct medicine
- know when to take their medicine
- do their therapy
- know when to do their therapy

#### How often each day?





#### How long each time?

minutes

minutes

minutes

minutes

**If you want to tell us why they need help, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they become angry with their condition and refuse to take their medicine.


**45 Do they have difficulty seeing?**

This means when using their aids like glasses or contact lenses.



Use page 18 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes**

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Please continue below.

**No**

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Go to question 46.

**Are they certified sight impaired or severely sight impaired?**

If they are certified they will have been examined at a hospital or eye clinic.

A Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI) will have been sent to the local social services department. You will have been given a copy.

If they are certified, please send us a photocopy of the CVI. We cannot return any documents to you.

Certified severely sight impaired

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Go to question 46.

Certified sight impaired

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Tick the boxes that apply.

**They can see:**

- computer keyboard keys or large print in a book
- a TV and follow the actions to a story
- the shape of furniture in a room

**Yes**

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**No**

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**They can recognise:**

- someone's face across a room
- someone across a street

**Yes**

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**No**

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**If you want to tell us more about the boxes you have ticked, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they have difficulty seeing in poorly lit places like a cinema.


**46 Do they have difficulty hearing?**

This means hearing sound or someone speaking when using their hearing aid.



Use page 19 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes**

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Tick the boxes that apply.

**No**

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Go to question 47.

**Have they had an audiology test in the last 6 months?**

**Yes**

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**No**

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If you send us a copy of the report it may help us deal with the child's claim.  
Tell us if you want us to return it.

**They can hear:**

**Yes**

**No**

- a whisper in a quiet room
- a normal voice in a quiet room
- a loud voice in a quiet room
- a TV, radio or CD but only at a very loud volume
- a school bell or car horn

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**If you want to tell us more about the boxes you have ticked, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they cannot hear things if there is a lot of background noise.


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**Do they have difficulty speaking?**

This means the ability to say words out loud and talk clearly.



Use page 20 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes**
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Tick the boxes  
that apply.

**No**
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Go to question 48.

**They can:**

- speak clearly in sentences
- put words together to make simple sentences
- speak single words

**Yes**
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**No**
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**They can communicate using speech:**

- with someone they know
- with someone they do not know

**Yes**
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**No**
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**If you want to tell us more about the boxes you have ticked, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they get embarrassed about the way they talk and will only speak to people they know.


**48** Do they have difficulty and need help communicating?

This means passing on information, asking and answering questions, telling people how they feel, giving and following instructions.



Use page 21 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes**

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Tick the boxes that apply.

**No**

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Go to question 49.

**To communicate they use:**

**Yes**

**No**

- writing
- BSL (British Sign Language) or Irish Sign Language (ISL)
- lip-reading
- using hand movements, facial expressions and body language
- Makaton

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If they use another form of communication, tell us below what it is. This could be Sign Supported English (SSE), Signed English (SE), Finger Spelling, Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), Tadoma or something else.

**They can communicate:**

**Yes**

**No**

- with someone they know
- with someone they do not know

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**If you want to tell us more about the boxes you have ticked, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they may be at risk because they do not understand a warning.


**49 Do they have fits, blackouts, seizures, or something similar?**

This means epileptic, non-epileptic or febrile fits, faints, absences, loss of consciousness and 'hypos' (hypoglycaemic attacks).



Use page 22 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes** ☐ Please continue below. **No** ☐ Go to question 50.

Tell us what type they have and what happens

**They:**

**Yes**

**No**

- can recognise a warning and tell an adult
- can recognise a warning and take appropriate action
- have no warning
- have had a serious injury in the last 6 months because of a fit, blackout or seizure
- display dangerous behaviour after a fit, blackout or seizure

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**Tell us:**

- the number of days affected each month
- how many fits they have on these days
- the number of nights affected each month
- how many fits they have on these nights

days

nights

**Have they had an episode of status epilepticus in the past 12 months?**

This is where there is persistent epileptic activity for more than 30 minutes, or they have several seizures without becoming conscious between each seizure.

**Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

**If you want to tell us more about the boxes you have ticked, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they become distressed and need reassurance.

Continue at question 70 if necessary.

## 50 Do they need to be supervised during the day to keep safe?

This means they need someone to keep an eye on them because of how they feel or behave, or how they react to people, changing situations and things around them.



Use page 23 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes**

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Tick the boxes that apply.

**No**

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Go to question 51.

**Can they:**

- recognise and react to common dangers?
- cope with planned changes to daily routine?
- cope with unplanned changes to daily routine?

**Yes**

**No**

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**Do they regularly:**

- feel anxious or panic?
- become upset or frustrated?
- harm themselves or others?
- feel someone may harm them?
- become verbally or physically aggressive or destructive?
- act impulsively?
- have tantrums?

**Yes**

**No**

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**If you want to tell us why you have ticked the boxes, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they behave without thinking about dangers or how it will affect others.


**51 Do they need extra help with their development?**

This means any extra help they need to improve their understanding of how to behave and react to people, situations and things around them.



Use page 24 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes**

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Tick the boxes  
that apply.

**No**

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Go to question 52.

**They need help to:**

- understand the world around them
- recognise their surroundings
- follow instructions
- play with others
- play on their own
- join in activities with others
- behave appropriately
- understand other people's behaviour

**Yes**

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**No**

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**If you want to tell us why you have ticked the boxes, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they may have difficulty making friends.




**52** Do they need encouragement, prompting or physical help at school or nursery?



Use page 25 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes**

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Tick the boxes that apply.

**No**

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Go to question 53.

**They need encouragement, prompting or physical help to:**

**Yes**

**No**

- go to and use the toilet
- safely move between lessons
- change into different clothes for PE and other school activities
- eat meals
- take medicine or do their therapy
- communicate

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**What extra help do they need with learning?**


**What is their behaviour like at school or nursery?**


**How do they usually get to and from school or nursery?**

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**If you want to tell us more about the boxes you have ticked, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they have one-to-one help from a teaching assistant.


**53** Do they need encouragement, prompting or physical help to take part in hobbies, interests, social or religious activities?



Use page 26 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes** ☐ Please continue below. **No** ☐ Go to question 54.

**Tell us:**

- what they do or would do if they had help
- what help they need or would need to do this
- how often they do it or would do it if they had the help, and
- how long they need or would need help each time.

**At home**

Activity	Help needed	How often?	How long each time?
<b>Example</b> Art	Encouragement to get paints, brushes and paper. Motivate to keep interested. Help to wash hands afterwards.	2 times a week	One hour

**When they go out**

Activity	Help needed	How often?	How long each time?
<b>Example</b> Swimming	To get changed, to get in and out of the pool, to dry themselves.	Once a week	45 minutes

**54 Do they wake and need help at night, or need someone to be awake to watch over them at night?**

Question 54 is about the help needed during the night.

Night is when everyone in the house is in bed. For example, if a child goes to bed at **8pm** and the parents go to bed at **11pm**, night would start at **11pm**. Any help needed before **11pm** would count as help during the day.



Use page 27 of the **information booklet**.

**Yes**

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Please continue below.

**No**

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Go to question 55.

Tell us how often each night they need help and how long it takes each time.

**They need encouragement, prompting or physical help to:**

- get into, get out of or turn in bed
- get to and use the toilet, manage nappies or pads
- have treatment
- settle or re-settle

**How often each night?**





**How long each time?**

minutes

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**They need watching over because they:**

- are unaware of danger and may harm themselves or others
- may wander about
- have behavioural problems

**How often each night?**




**How long each time?**

minutes

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minutes

**If you want to tell us why they need help or watching over, how their needs vary or anything else you think we should know, use the box below.**

For example, they do not sleep regular hours each night.


## Extra information about care

**55** If you want to tell us anything else about their care needs, use the box below.


**56** When did the child's care needs you have told us about start?

Normally, the child can only get the care part of DLA if they have needed help for more than 3 months.

**Please tell us the date the care needs you have told us about started.**

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If you cannot remember the exact date, tell us roughly when this was.

# About you

Use this page to tell us about yourself, not the child.

57 Your surname or family name

All other names in full

Title

For example, Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms

58 Your date of birth

 

59 Your National Insurance number

Letters	Numbers	Letter
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60 Address if different to the child's

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61 Your daytime phone number where we can contact you or leave a message.

Phone number

Include the dialling code.

If you have speech or hearing difficulties and want us to contact you by textphone, please tick this box.

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Textphone number

62 What is your relationship to the child?

63 What is your nationality?

64 What is the Child Benefit number for the child?

## About Income Support

65 Are you getting or waiting to hear about Income Support?

No

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Yes

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66 Is anyone within your household getting or waiting to hear about Income Support?

No

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Yes

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Please tell us their name:

Their National Insurance number:

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Their relationship to you:

## About tax credits

67 Is anyone within your household getting or waiting to hear about Child Tax Credit?

No

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Yes

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Please tell us their name:

Their National Insurance number:

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Their relationship to you:

68 Is anyone within your household getting or waiting to hear about Working Tax Credit?

No

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Yes

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Please tell us their name:

Their National Insurance number:

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Their relationship to you:

# How we pay you

69 Please tell us your account details below.

**i** You must read pages 28 and 29 of the **information booklet** before you fill in the account details.

**It is very important you fill in all the boxes correctly, including the building society roll or reference number, if there is one. If you tell us the wrong account details, the payment may be delayed or the child may lose money.**

## Name of the account holder

Please write the name of the account holder exactly as it is shown on the chequebook or statement.

## Full name of bank or building society

## Sort code

Please tell us all 6 numbers, for example: 12-34-56.

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## Account number

Most account numbers are 8 numbers long. If your account number has fewer than 10 numbers, please fill in the numbers from the left.

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## Building society roll or reference number

If you are using a building society account you may need to tell us a roll or reference number. This may be made up of letters and numbers, and may be up to 18 characters long. If you are not sure if the account has a roll or reference number, ask the building society.

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You may be getting other benefits and entitlements we do not pay into an account. If you want us to pay them into the account above, please tick this box.

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## Extra information

**70** Tell us anything else you think we should know about the child's claim.

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If you need more space continue on a separate piece of paper. Please put the child's name and date of birth on any extra pieces of paper you send us.



## Declaration

We cannot pay any benefit until you have signed the declaration and returned the form to us. Please return the signed form straight away.

**I declare** the information I have given on this form is correct and complete as far as I know and believe.

**I understand** that if I knowingly give false information, my benefit may be stopped and I may be liable to prosecution or other action.

**I understand** that I must promptly tell the office that pays the child's Disability Living Allowance of anything that may affect my entitlement to, or the amount of, that benefit.

**I understand** that the Department for Communities may use the information which it has now or may get in the future to decide whether I am entitled to:

- the benefit I am claiming for the child
- any other benefit I have claimed
- any other benefit I may claim or be awarded in the future.

**This is my child's claim for Disability Living Allowance.**

**Signature**

**Date**

**Print your name here**

## Checklist

Check you have filled in all the questions that apply to you or the child you are claiming for.

Read pages 5 to 8 of the **information booklet** about how we collect and use information and for help and advice about other benefits.

Make sure you have included full details of **anyone else you have seen** at **question 14**.

Make sure you have included full details of your **GP** at **question 15**.

Make sure you have signed the **declaration** at question **71**.

**List below all the documents you are sending with this claim form. Only send us photocopies of information you already have available to you.** We cannot return any documents to you. For example, a prescription list, medical report or a statement of Special Educational Needs.


**Send the claim form and photocopies of the documents listed above** back to us straight away in the envelope we have sent you. It does not need a stamp. You can send more information to us at any time.





