



Disability Living Allowance

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Disability Living Allowance is a benefit for adults under the age of 65 and children with a severe disability who need help:

- **getting around**
- **with personal care**
- **or both of these.**

How much is the allowance?

Disability Living Allowance has two components and is paid at the following weekly rates for 2011/12:

Care Component - for help with personal care needs is paid at three levels.

Lowest Rate: £19.55

Middle Rate: £49.30

Highest Rate: £73.60

Mobility Component - for help with getting around is paid at two levels.

Lowest Rate: £19.55

Highest Rate: £51.40

Disability Living Allowance is a tax free allowance which is not means tested and in most cases is paid on top of any other Social Security benefits.

Many people think they cannot claim Disability Living Allowance because they:

- **have someone looking after them**
- **don't have someone looking after them**
- **live alone**
- **can feed, wash & dress themselves**
- **can use the toilet**
- **can walk**
- **are not registered as disabled**
- **are not receiving income support**
- **work.**

None of the above stops anyone from claiming Disability Living Allowance.

Want to find out more? Contact Care Direct on 0845 1551 007

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