



Attendance Allowance, Carer's Allowance and Carer's Credit

Please read this then pass it to your carer if you have one.

This leaflet is in 2 parts:

- Part 1 – for you
- Part 2 – for your carer, if you have one. It gives information about Carer's Allowance and Carer's Credit

Part 1 - for you

Your benefit could be affected if someone claims Carer's Allowance for looking after you.

If your claim for Attendance Allowance is successful, you may get an extra amount for severe disability with an income-related benefit or Pension Credit.

If someone is paid Carer's Allowance for looking after you, you may not be able to get this extra amount. Contact the office dealing with your benefits for more information. Your Attendance Allowance will not be affected.

Part 2 – for your carer

Carer's Allowance

If you care for someone for 35 hours or more each week, you may also get Carer's Allowance. You can get Carer's Allowance once we have agreed the person you care for is awarded Attendance Allowance. You must claim Carer's Allowance within 3 months of the Attendance Allowance decision being made or you could lose benefit.

Carer's Allowance and other benefits

Some benefits, allowances or pensions can change how much Carer's Allowance we can pay. This means that if you get another benefit, we may not pay Carer's Allowance at all, or pay you less. But you may still qualify for Carer's Allowance even if we cannot pay it. This means you may get an extra amount paid with income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Pension Credit or Housing Benefit.

How to claim Carer's Allowance or find out more information

Visit our website at www.gov.uk

Write to Carer's Allowance Unit, Mail opening site A, Wolverhampton WV98 2AB.

Carer's Credit

If you cannot get Carer's Allowance and look after one or more disabled people for a total of 20 hours or more a week, you can apply for Carer's Credit. This is a National Insurance credit for working age carers. It can help you qualify for the State Pension and bereavement benefits.

You do not need to apply for Carer's Credit if you receive Child Benefit for a child under age 12 or get Carer's Allowance, as you will already get National Insurance credits.

You can find out more about Carer's Credit and how to apply:

- online at **www.gov.uk**
- phone: **0800 731 0297**
- textphone: **0800 731 0317**

We can send you this leaflet in other formats, such as large print.

This leaflet is only a guide and does not cover every circumstance. We have done our best to make sure that the information is correct as of December 2018. It is possible that some of the information may change over time.