



Benefits and Disability Help

Child Benefit

Only one person can get Child Benefit for a child.

You normally qualify for Child Benefit if you're responsible for a child under 16 (or under 20 if they stay in approved education or training) and you live in the UK.

<https://www.gov.uk/child-benefit>

Child Tax Credit

You may be able to claim Child Tax Credit if you're responsible for children either:

- aged 16 or under - you can claim up until 31 August after their 16th birthday
- under 20 and in eligible education or training

You don't need to be working to claim Child Tax Credit. Only one household can get Child Tax Credit for a child.

<https://www.gov.uk/child-tax-credit>

Working Tax Credit

You could get Working Tax Credit if either of the following apply:

- you're aged from 16 to 24 and have a child or a qualifying disability
- you're 25 or over, with or without children

You must:

- work a certain number of hours a week
- get paid for the work you do (or expect to)
- have an income below a certain level

<https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit>

Job seekers Allowance

You could get Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) if all of the following apply:

- you're 18 or over (there are some exceptions if you're 16 or 17 - contact Jobcentre Plus for advice)
- you're under State Pension age
- you're not in full-time education
- you're in England, Scotland or Wales
- you're available for work
- you're actively seeking work
- you work on average less than 16 hours per week

<https://www.gov.uk/jobseekers-allowance/how-to-claim>

Housing Benefit

You can get Housing Benefit if you

- rent your home



- are responsible for paying rent as a tenant, boarder, lodger or in a hostel or bed & breakfast
- have a low income, or are claiming benefits
- usually live in your home for which you are claiming Housing Benefit.

<https://www.thanet.gov.uk/your-services/benefits/housing-benefit/how-to-claim/>

Council Tax Support

You can apply for Council Tax Support whether you own your home, rent, are unemployed or working.

You may get Council Tax Support if you

- live at the property
- pay Council Tax; and
- have a low income, or are entitled to a benefit paid by the Department for Work and Pensions or the Pension Service.

<https://www.thanet.gov.uk/your-services/benefits/council-tax-support/>

NHS tax credit exemption certificates

You're entitled to full help with health costs if your annual family income is £15,276 or less and you receive either:

- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit paid together
- Working Tax Credit including a disability element

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/exemption-certificates/nhs-tax-credit-exemption-certificates>

You can calculate what benefits you may be entitled to on the following two websites.

<https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk/AboutYou>

<https://www.entitledto.co.uk/>

Disability

DLA (Disability Living Allowance Child)

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children may help with the extra costs of looking after a child who:

- is under 16
- has difficulties walking or needs more looking after than a child of the same age who doesn't have a disability

They will need to meet all the eligibility requirements.

<https://www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children>

You can find a guide to filling out the DLA form at the following website

<http://w3.cerebra.org.uk/help-and-information/guides-for-parents/dla-guide/>

PIP (Personal Independence Payment Adult)



You may be able to get help with some of the extra costs caused by long term ill-health or disability.

If you're aged 16 to 64 you could get between £22 and £141.10 a week by claiming Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

The amount you get depends on how your condition affects you, not the condition itself. You'll be assessed by a health professional to work out the level of help you can get. Your rate will be regularly reviewed to make sure you're getting the right support.

<https://www.gov.uk/pip>

Employment Support Allowance (ESA)

You may get ESA if your illness or disability affects your ability to work and you're:

- under State Pension age
- not getting Statutory Sick Pay or Statutory Maternity Pay and you haven't gone back to work
- not getting Jobseeker's Allowance

You can apply for ESA if you're employed, self-employed, unemployed or a student on Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment.

<https://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance>

Disability Drop-in Centre

They are a free signposting and referral service for people of all ages and all disabilities, their friends, families and carers. They deal with almost any query.

Opening Times: Every day 11am-5pm. Available 24 hours a day by phone, email & Facebook.

Office DS3, Kent Innovation Centre

Millennium Way

Broadstairs

Kent

CT10 2QQ

01843 609278/07796 660042

<https://www.facebook.com/Disability-Drop-In-Centre-DDIC-134258483325464/>

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<https://www.scope.org.uk/>