

Pension Age Disability Payment (2025-26)



This is a benefit for people over State Pension age who have care needs because of a disability or a long-term health condition. It is not means-tested. It replaces Attendance Allowance in Midlothian from April 2025.

Who is eligible for Pension Age Disability Payment (PADP)

- People who have reached State Pension age (currently 65), and;
- Have had care needs during the day or at night for 6 months or more due to their disability or health condition(s).

You can still apply for PADP if you've had care needs less than 6 months (payments will start 6 months from the time you began needing care), if you're waiting for a diagnosis, or you have a terminal illness.

How do you claim PADP?

Phone Social Security Scotland on **0800 182 2222**. They will ask for your personal details (e.g. name, address, date of birth, National Insurance Number, bank/building society details) for **Part 1** of the form. They will then post it to complete **Part 2** within 8 weeks and return in a prepaid envelope.

You can also apply online at <https://tinyurl.com/PAD-Payment> or scan this QR code.

You will be sent a letter called a “**Notice of Determination**” stating if your application has been successful and how much you will receive, or an explanation why it was unsuccessful, with information on what to do if you are not satisfied with the outcome.



If you already receive Attendance Allowance, you do not have to apply again. You will automatically be moved to PADP without a gap in payments.

What do you need to complete the application form?

Information. Part 2 requires quite a lot of information, but you don't have to complete it all at once. It helps to gather this before starting, including:

- ✓ Details of your condition, or symptoms if you don't yet have a diagnosis.
- ✓ Contact details of professionals involved in your care – GP, paid carer, etc.
- ✓ Contact details of a person who knows about your care and support needs.

Help, support and aids. The form asks what help or support you need:-

Getting in and out of bed	Washing and bathing	Dressing / undressing
Communication with others	Eating and drinking	Moving around indoors
Going to the Toilet and managing incontinence	Staying safe during the day	During the night
When doing activities at home and outside	Taking medication, monitoring a health condition and with therapy	

Supporting document from a professional. For example, a copy of a doctor's letter or care plan that confirms your condition(s), disability or needs.

Statement from someone who knows you. This can be a friend, relative, unpaid carer or professional who can describe the care or support you need. They can use the form available from the website on the first page of this leaflet. It isn't essential, but can help Social Security understand your needs.

These documents can be uploaded or posted with your PADP application.

How much do you receive for PADP?

It is paid every 4 weeks at a weekly rate, depending on your level of need..

Lower Rate	If you need help during the day <u>or</u> during the night.	£73.90
Higher Rate	If you need help during the day <u>and</u> night, or are terminally ill.	£110.40