

Information on:

Carer's Allowance

Description:

Carer's Allowance is £59.75* a week to help you look after someone with substantial caring needs. You don't have to be related to, or live with, the person you care for. You need to be aged 16 or over and spend at least 35 hours a week caring for them, you should not be in full time education or earn over £100 a week (after deductions). Carer's Allowance is taxable. It can also affect your other benefits. (* Amount correct as at 1/11/13)

You can't normally get 2 income-replacement benefits paid together (e.g. you may not get Carers Allowance if you receive benefits such as Incapacity Benefit, Contribution based jobseeker's Allowance, Maternity Allowance, State Pension (for a full list visit www.gov.uk/carers-allowance/eligibility)).

This is called the 'overlapping benefit rule'. If you have applied for Carers Allowance and met the criteria, but can't be paid Carer's Allowance because of this rule, you can have 'underlying entitlement' to Carer's Allowance instead.

This might mean you could get extra money in your existing benefits:

- the carer premiums in Jobseeker's Allowance and Income Support
- the extra amount for carers in Pension Credit
- the carer element in Universal Credit

Use the Government's [benefits adviser](#) to find out how Carer's Allowance affects other benefits.

Contact: Carer's Allowance Unit
Palatine House, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 1HB
Telephone: 0845 608 4321 Textphone: 0845 604 5312

Open 8.30 am - 5.00 pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30 am - 4.30 pm on Fridays.

If your first language is not English or Welsh, ask for information about the interpreter service.

Email: cau.customer-services@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Websites: Further information for Carers
<https://www.gov.uk/browse/disabilities/carers>

Claiming on line through the e-service:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-carers-allowance>



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