



Social Security Scotland
Tèarainteachd Shòisealta Alba

Building a Better Benefits System

Social Security Scotland was set up by the Scottish Government to deliver a number of benefits.

These benefits will be introduced in stages by the Scottish Government. Once fully operational, we will be delivering benefits for people on low incomes, disabled people, carers, young people entering the workplace and to help people heat their homes.

Our head office is in Dundee, with a second base in Glasgow. We also have a growing team of people based across the country who are establishing a pre application face to face support service for our clients.

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and local authorities will also continue to deliver some benefits in Scotland.

Social Security Scotland will put dignity, fairness and respect at the heart of everything we do. You can find out more about Social Security Scotland online at socialsecurity.gov.scot

We currently deliver seven benefits for people that live in Scotland and get certain benefits or tax credits.

Carer's Allowance Supplement

An extra payment to carers in Scotland who are receiving a full or partial Carer's Allowance from the Department for Work and Pensions. Social Security Scotland will pay this every six months until Scottish Government plans for their replacement of Carer's Allowance are in place. Each six monthly payment will be £226.20, uprated annually with inflation.

Best Start Grant

A package of three payments that will give extra money to parents and carers during the early years of a child's life.

Pregnancy and Baby Payment

This payment is helping low income families with expenses in pregnancy or having a new child. It pays £600 for a first child, and £300 for other children. There is an extra £300 for a multiple birth.

Early Learning Payment

This is a £250 payment made when a child is between the ages of two and three years and six months to help with the costs of early learning.

School Age Payment

This is a £250 payment made around the time a child normally starts Primary 1 to help with the costs of a child starting school.

Best Start Foods

A payment that replaces the UK Government's Healthy Start Vouchers in Scotland, with a new payment card. The payment is £17.00 every four weeks during pregnancy and for any children between one and three years old. It increases to £34.00 for any child under one.

Funeral Support Payment

A one-off payment to a person responsible for paying for the funeral. This assistance is a contribution to help meet funeral costs.

Young Carer Grant

A yearly payment of £300 for young carers aged 16 to 18 who live in Scotland. It's a cash benefit to spend as they choose and they can apply if they are at school, in further education, employed or unemployed.

Other benefits that we will deliver in 2020.

Job Start Payment

A payment to help young people aged 16-24 who are returning to work after a period of six months unemployment. It will provide a payment of £250, or £400 for those who have children.

Scottish Child Payment

A payment providing £10 a week for eligible families with children under six. This is ahead of the payment being paid to eligible families with children under 16 by 2022.

Disability Assistance for Children and Young People

A payment for under 18s needing additional care or with mobility difficulties will open for new claims.

Child Winter Heating Assistance

A yearly payment of £200 to help families of severely disabled children with the costs of keeping their homes warm.



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The following benefits will be transferring from the UK Government to the Scottish Government. Social Security Scotland is working with the Scottish Government to get ready to deliver these.

- replacement for Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- replacement for Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- replacement for Attendance Allowance (AA)
- Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit
- Severe Disablement Allowance
- Winter Fuel Payments
- Cold Weather Payments.