

Carer's Allowance Guide

For Parents of Children on Long-Term Ventilation



What is Carer's Allowance?

Carer's Allowance is a benefit that helps support individuals who spend a significant amount of time caring for someone with substantial care needs. If you provide care for a child on long-term ventilation for at least 35 hours per week, you may be eligible to claim Carer's Allowance.



Who Can Claim Carer's Allowance?

To qualify for Carer's Allowance, you must meet the following conditions:

- **Care Requirements:** You provide at least 35 hours of care per week for someone who needs assistance with daily tasks such as managing ventilation equipment, feeding, and personal care.
- **Qualifying Disability Benefit:** The person you care for must receive a qualifying benefit, like the middle or highest rate of DLA for personal care.
- **Income Limit:** You earn no more than £139 per week after tax, National Insurance, and certain allowable expenses.



Carer's Allowance Payment

Carer's Allowance is paid at a rate of **£81.90 per week**. It can be paid directly into your bank account and is usually paid every 4 weeks.



Receiving Carer's Allowance may affect other benefits you receive, including the person you are caring for.

**TOP
TIPS**

How to Apply for Carer's Allowance

**APPLY
NOW**

Apply for Carer's Allowance **online** or request a **paper form** from the Carer's Allowance Unit. Claims may be backdated up to three months if eligibility is met during that time.

Make sure to provide details about your caring role, including the hours spent on care and the support you provide, such as monitoring your child's ventilation equipment and administering medical care.



Additional Information



- If you are eligible for Carer's Allowance, you may also qualify for other benefits such as **Carer's Credit**, which helps to protect your National Insurance record, ensuring you don't miss out on future benefits.
- **Carer's Premium:** If you receive Carer's Allowance, you may be entitled to extra financial support if you are also claiming means-tested benefits such as **Income Support, Universal Credit, or Housing Benefit.**

This extra amount can help cover some of the additional costs of caring for a child with long-term medical needs.

More Support and Resources

Contact Information

Carer's Allowance Unit Helpline: 0800 731 0297

Website: [gov.uk/carers-allowance](https://www.gov.uk/carers-allowance)

For more details about Carer's Allowance and other available benefits, scan the QR code below to visit the GOV.UK website



Visit the [Long-Term Ventilation \(LTV\) website](#) for further guidance and support for carers

