

Attendance Allowance

You cannot get Attendance Allowance if you are already in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP)

You need to have reached State Pension age to claim Attendance Allowance - [check your State Pension age](#) on GOV.UK. You also need to have a disability or illness that makes it hard for you to look after yourself.

Lots of people are entitled to Attendance Allowance but don't know enough about it to claim.

You could get £57.30 or £85.60 a week - the amount you get will depend on how much help you need. You can spend the money however you like - it could help you stay independent in your own home for longer.

Attendance Allowance isn't means tested so it doesn't matter what other money you get. It doesn't matter how much you have in savings either, there are no questions regarding your income or savings.

It won't affect your state pension and you can claim it if you're still working and earning money.

Attendance Allowance and your other benefits

Attendance Allowance is a tax-free benefit. You'll be exempt from the Benefit Cap so you won't have money taken away from any other benefits.

Claiming Attendance Allowance might also mean you're entitled to extra help - for example, you might qualify for a council tax reduction (this depends on your personal circumstances).

If you're about to reach State Pension age

If you're thinking about applying for Attendance Allowance when you reach State Pension age, you might be better off claiming PIP straight away - you might be able to get more money.

If you claim PIP and get it, the amount you get will depend on your circumstances and how your disability or illness affects you.

To claim Attendance Allowance call 0800-731-0122 they will send out a form, if you want assistance to complete it contact our Advice Team.