

Carer's Allowance

What is Carer's Allowance?

Carer's Allowance is for people who spend at least 35 hours a week caring for someone who needs 'substantial and regular' care. This usually means they wouldn't be able to manage everyday tasks without your help.

Am I eligible for Carer's Allowance?

The person you care for must be claiming one of these benefits:

- The middle or highest rate of the Disability Living Allowance care component.
- Personal Independence Payment daily living component.
- Attendance Allowance.
- Armed Forces Independence Payment.

You'll also need to meet these conditions:

- You earn less than £132 a week after National Insurance/Tax.
- You must be age sixteen or over.
- You are not in full-time education (21 hours a week or more).
- You must have lived in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland for two out of the last three years.
- You normally live in England, Scotland or Wales or Northern Ireland, or you live abroad as a member of the armed forces.
- You must meet certain immigration conditions.

Carers Allowance does not take private or work pensions into account as income. so you can be paid the benefit on top of your pension.

If you are receiving a State Pension this may overlap with Carers Allowance, so you may be entitled to an 'underlying entitlement' instead.

You don't have to be related to, or live with, the person you're caring for.

Carer's Allowance can be taxed and it can affect the benefits you or the person you care for receives.

If someone else looks after the same person as you, only one of you can receive Carer's Allowance. You can also only claim Carer's Allowance for one person you look after.

If you receive Universal Credit, you may be entitled to a carer element which means you do not have to apply for Carer's Allowance.

How to claim



If you think you may be eligible for carer's allowance, call the **St Barnabas Welfare and Benefits Team** on **01476 513544**, who will assist you to make an application.

