



Domiciliary Care Allowance

This leaflet aims to answer the main questions that you are likely to have about Domiciliary Care Allowance.

What is Domiciliary Care Allowance?

Domiciliary Care Allowance is a monthly payment for a severely disabled child who is under age 16 and needs full-time care and attention far beyond what is normally required by a child of the same age.

Who may qualify?

You may qualify for the allowance if:

- you are providing for the care of the child,
- the child will need continuous care and attention for at least 12 months,
- the child ordinarily resides in the State,
- the child normally lives with you, and
- the child is not detained in a children's detention school.

You may receive a reduced monthly payment if the child is living in an institution for up to 5 days in any one week.

Note:

To qualify for Domiciliary Care Allowance you must meet the Habitual Residence Condition. This condition took effect from 1 May 2004 and affects all applicants regardless of nationality.

For more information, log on to www.welfare.ie.

How do I get my payment?

You get Domiciliary Care Allowance on the third Tuesday of every month by:

- social services card at your local post office,
- or
- direct payment into an account in a financial institution or an An Post Childcare Savings Account in:
 - your own name,
 - or
 - the name of:
 - you and your spouse or partner,
 - you and your child(ren),
 - your spouse or partner and your child(ren),
 - your child(ren) only, or
 - your spouse or partner only.

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For more information:

- Log on to www.welfare.ie.
- LoCall Information Line **1890 66 22 44** (from the Republic of Ireland only) or **+353 71 91 933313** (from Northern Ireland or overseas).
- Drop in to your local Social Welfare Office or Citizens Information Centre.

When and how do I apply?

You should apply as soon as you consider that you and your child satisfy the qualifying conditions set out on the previous page. To apply, fill in form Dom Care1. To get this form:

- Log on to www.welfare.ie.
- Text "FORM DCA" followed by your name and address to 51909 (from the Republic of Ireland only). Standard text rates apply.
- Drop in to your local Social Welfare Office.

Please remember to ask your GP to fill in the medical section of the Dom Care1 form and attach any reports about your child's disability.

Note:

If you delay in applying, you will, subject to satisfying the qualifying conditions for the scheme, usually get Domiciliary Care Allowance from the month **after** we get your application.

For more information on Domiciliary Care Allowance, contact your local Social Welfare Office or:

Domiciliary Care Allowance Section
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LoCall: 1890 500 000 (from the Republic of Ireland only)
+353 71 91 57100 (from Northern Ireland or overseas)

Note

The rates charged for using 1890 (LoCall) numbers may vary among different service providers.

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