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A guide to Carer's Allowance Supplement

Dignity, fairness, respect.



Social Security Scotland

- New public service for Scotland
 - For disabled people, carers and people who are ill
 - For people needing help to pay for specific extra expenses
- Incremental introduction
- 11 benefits once fully operational
- Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018



Social Security Scotland

- Executive Agency
- Central administrative centres
 - Dundee HQ
 - Glasgow
- Nationwide local presence
- 1,900 staff once fully operational



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- Dignity, fairness and respect at our core
- Legislative duties in relation to:
 - Income maximisation
 - Strategy to Promote Take-up
 - Independent Advice
 - Inclusive Communications
 - Advocacy
- Publicly accessible Charter
- Independent scrutiny:
 - Scottish Social Security Commission
 - Scottish Public Service Ombudsman



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Carer's Allowance

- The Scottish Government will take over responsibility for Carer's Allowance later this summer
- We will ask the DWP to continue to deliver this on our behalf - using the existing eligibility - to allow us to work through the creation of secondary legislation detailing how we would like this benefit to be delivered in Scotland
- In order to provide additional income for carers right now – in recognition of their important role – we are implementing Carer's Allowance Supplement from later this summer

Carer's Allowance Supplement

- Carer's Allowance Supplement will be paid twice a year
- Each payment will cover six months
- The first two payments will be £221
- The payments are the equivalent of an extra £8.50 per week



Who will get this payment?

- Carers who live in Scotland who are receiving Carer's Allowance on qualifying dates

Who will not get this payment and why?

- Carers with only an underlying entitlement will not receive the supplement
- Carers have an underlying entitlement if they claim Carer's Allowance and meet the eligibility criteria but do not receive it because they are getting another income replacement benefit at the same or a higher level, such as the full State Pension

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How do people get Carer's Allowance Supplement

- Payments will be made automatically
- The payment will be made into the same bank or Credit Union account - or paid in the same way - as the recipient's Carer's Allowance
- We will be running a communications campaign to raise awareness and this will commence a week ahead of the first payments
- People will be notified in writing in advance if they are due to receive a payment
- Payments will be made in batches over the course of one month

Do recipients need to do anything?

- Carers do not need to do anything to get this payment
- It will not have an impact on other benefits so they do not need to notify the DWP or Local Authorities
- The UK Government has advised that Carer's Allowance Supplement will be taxable so carers should let HM Revenue and Customs know about this payment as this may increase the amount of tax they need to pay
- Carers will still pay no tax if their income is below £11,850



What if someone thinks they are eligible but do not get a payment?

- Once the first round of payments have been made, we will issue communications to advise that this is complete
- This communication will encourage anyone who believes that they are entitled to contact Social Security Scotland
- We will check eligibility and if the person should have received a payment, this will be made in the next payment run



Questions?



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