

CARER'S ALLOWANCE

Carer's Allowance is a payment to people who are looking after someone who is in need of support because of age, physical or learning disability, or illness. Carer's Allowance is mainly aimed at carers on low incomes who live with and look after people who need full-time care. There are certain requirements that must be met in order to qualify for Carer's Allowance. Contact your local social welfare office for further advice and an application form. Application forms are available online at: www.welfare.ie/forms/cr1.pdf

Apply to: Carer's Allowance Section. Social Welfare Services Office, Government Buildings, Ballinalee Road, Longford.
Tel: (043) 45211 or (01) 704 3000

CARER'S BENEFIT

Carer's Benefit is a payment made to insured persons who leave the workforce to care for a person(s) in need of full-time care and attention. There are certain requirements that must be met in order to qualify for Carer's Benefit. Contact your local social welfare office for further advice and an application form. Application forms are available online at: www.welfare.ie/forms/carb1.pdf

Apply to: Carer's Benefit Section. Social Welfare Services Office, Government Buildings, Ballinalee Road, Longford.
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RESPIRE CARE GRANT

This is an annual payment for full-time carers who look after certain people in need of full-time care and attention. The payment is not means tested but is subject to certain conditions. This grant is paid automatically to anyone getting Carer's Allowance or Carer's Benefit payments.

Apply to: Respite Care Grant, P.O. Box 10085, Dublin 2.
Tel: (01) 673 2222
Website: www.welfare.ie

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCE

If your income from your social welfare or Health Service Executive payment is too low to meet certain special needs (e.g. exceptional heating requirements due to ill-health, special dietary requirements due to a medical condition), a weekly supplement may be available. You must provide medical evidence of your condition before your application can be processed. Apply to your local social welfare office or contact:

Supplementary Welfare Allowance Section. Department of Social & Family Affairs, Social Welfare Office, College Road, Sligo.

Tel: Lo-call 1890 50 00 00

EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS PAYMENT

An exceptional needs payment may be approved by the Health Service Executive (HSE). Under this scheme, a once-off single payment may be made to help meet essential, once-off, exceptional expenditure, which a person could not reasonably be expected to meet out of their weekly income. People eligible to apply for exceptional needs payment would normally be in receipt of a social welfare or Health Service Executive payment.

If your application for an Exceptional Needs Payment is refused, you can appeal the decision. Contact your local HSE office for more details and an application form.