

## **Disability Living Allowance**

### **What is Disability Living Allowance?**

This can be claimed by people under the age of 65 years who have long term disabilities or health problems which make day to day activities and/or getting about outdoors difficult. This benefit has two parts:

- A care component and
- a mobility component.

Each part has different rates. Which rate you get depends upon your needs. You can qualify for just one component or both. You need to have had your health problem or disability for at least three months and expect it to last for at least another six months or more.

People who have been awarded the allowance will continue to be paid after they turn 65 as long as they still qualify for it.

### **How does it affect other benefits?**

Disability living allowance is not a means tested benefit - it does not matter how much income or savings you have. If you are awarded it you may qualify for further benefits or benefits you previously could not get.

Remember you do not have to have anyone helping you or caring for you. The test is whether it is reasonable that you have help. Application forms can be ordered by ringing the Disability and Carer's Service on 08457 123 456 or accessing their web site [www.dcp.gov.uk/dcs](http://www.dcp.gov.uk/dcs)

If you want any further information about this or any other benefit, tax credit or money problem, please contact customer services on 0191 2684800 and ask for Elaine Floyd or email at [elaine.floyd@nomade5.co.uk](mailto:elaine.floyd@nomade5.co.uk).