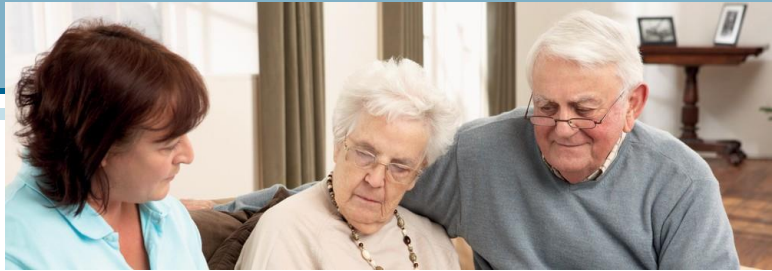




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WHAT IS ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE?

AM I ENTITLED TO IT?

Attendance Allowance is a **non-means tested, tax free**, benefit for someone who has an illness/disability with **care and/or supervision needs**.

To qualify you must be **State Pension age** when applying, have had the need for help for **at least 6 months**, be living in and have the right to reside in Great Britain.



CLAIMING ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE

The Attendance Allowance claim form is quite lengthy (28 pages) and it may seem repetitive but don't worry, we can help you to fill it in.



To watch a video on how to fill in the form please visit our website or give us a call if you need more help

Helping you through the Care Maze



Upgrading Attendance Allowance

If the lower rate is already in payment and there has been an additional need for help with **personal care/supervision** at night an application to upgrade may be appropriate, this is also subject to a 6 month qualifying period

Special rules apply for someone with a short life expectancy, ask the GP or another medical practitioner to complete a DS1500, the 6- month qualifying period does not apply in these circumstances.

We understand that the form can be daunting, if you would like some advice or help to fill it in please get in touch

Attendance Allowance may be awarded at one of two rates;

Higher rate £108.55 per week for a day **and** night-time need

Lower rate £72.65 per week for a day **or** night-time need

Attendance Allowance can be paid whether you have a carer in 'attendance' or not.

It is not about what is wrong with you but the help you need, you do not have to have a medical diagnosis.

Rest assured that a carer won't suddenly appear uninvited on the doorstep if you complete the application form!