

Carer's Allowance (previously Invalid Care Allowance)

Carer's Allowance (CA) is a non-contributory benefit for men and women:

- who look after a severely disabled person for at least 35 hours a week
- who are eligible before their 65th birthday (condition removed as from October 2002)
- who are not gainfully employed (i.e. not earning more than £75 per week after certain deductions) and
- who are not in full-time education

The severely disabled person must be getting either

- the highest or middle rate of DLA care component, or
- AA, or
- Constant Attendance Allowance paid at the normal maximum rate or above under the War Pensions or Industrial Injuries Scheme.

Someone who gets CA can have extra money added on for their dependants.

The *terms and conventions* used within the tables are explained below:

Allowances current

The number of people in receipt of DLA, AA or CA. This excludes people with entitlement where the payment has been suspended.

Liveload

The number of people with entitlement to DLA, AA or CA. This includes people where the payment has been suspended for example, because someone is in hospital.

Main disabling condition

This is the medical cause of the main disability which gives rise to the award of DLA or AA.

Award

This is first or subsequent award of benefit.

Review

A person who is dissatisfied with the result of their last claim can ask for the claim to be reviewed.

Conventions

- .. Not available
- . Not applicable
- Nil or negligible