

## Will I qualify for Attendance Allowance? Eligibility Criteria for Disability Benefits

This benefit is **not** means-tested and you qualify for it on your need for care due to an illness or disability. It is for people who are over 65 when the care needs from illness or disability first arise. There is no mobility element.

You must have been resident and present in Great Britain for 104 weeks out of the last 156 weeks (2 out of the last 3 years) and be currently present in Great Britain in order to make a claim.

You must have a need for help with **personal care**, or **supervision to remain safe**.

Personal care means help with “bodily functions” such as hearing, eating, walking, getting in and out of bed, dressing, going to the toilet and communicating and can include prompting and encouraging as well as hands on care but you will need to give clear details about why you need it. To qualify for the high rate there must be care needs during the night as well as the day.

It is important to note that domestic tasks such as shopping, cleaning, cooking and gardening are **not** included so if you need help with these but manage your own personal care without a problem then you will **not** qualify for AA.

The need must have existed for 6 months before you are eligible (qualifying period) and you have to show that it is likely that the need will continue for at least six more months.

**To order forms for Attendance Allowance:                      0345 605 6055**

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<https://www.gov.uk/attendance-allowance>