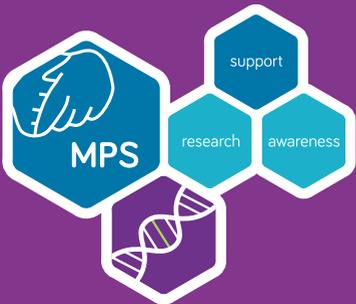


INFORMATION & RESOURCES FROM THE MPS SOCIETY

Carers Allowance



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Criteria to Apply

To claim Carer's Allowance the cared-for person has to be claiming specific benefits throughout the award length.

Additionally, the carer who wishes to claim Carer's Allowance has to meet the eligibility criteria. It is important to note that claiming this benefit can alter the benefits received by the cared-for person and the carer.

Please visit:

www.gov.uk/carers-allowance/eligibility for further information on the eligibility criteria and information about how this benefit interacts with other benefits.

Here are some of the main criteria:

- The carer is over 16 years of age
- The carer is not studying more than 21 hours a week
- The carer does not earn over £128 a week after Tax, National Insurance and expenses.
- Care is provided for at least 35 hours per week

Those not eligible for Carer's Allowance may be eligible for Carer's Credit.

Please visit:
www.gov.uk/carers-credit for more information.

How to Apply

You can apply online at:

www.gov.uk/carers-allowance/how-to-claim

If you would prefer to apply by post you can download a form at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/carers-allowance-claim-form



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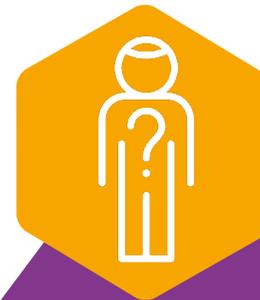
There are certain situations, where the claimant must report changes to their caring role to the Department of Work and Pensions to avoid paying back the benefit and risking a fine.

Full details can be found at:

www.gov.uk/carers-allowance/further-information

Here are a few of the main reasons:

- The cared-for person no longer receives an eligible benefit
- The cared-for person is hospitalised or cared for in a care home or respite setting for more than 12 weeks
- The carer starts education for more than 21 hours a week
- The carer has an increased income
- The carer ceases to care for the cared-for person, this includes temporary periods of more than 28 days
- Someone else is claiming the allowance for the cared-for person



Further Information

Those who are not eligible for Carer's Allowance, but are caring for someone for more than 20 hours a week may be eligible for Carer's Credit. Please see here for more information.

Carer's UK has published information and updates about Carer's Allowance. Please visit their website for further information:

www.carersuk.org/home

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