

ELIGIBILITY FOR OUR DISABLED MEMBERSHIP

There is a wide range of disability-related financial support, including benefits, tax credits, payments, grants and concessions.

The following disability benefits **will** be accepted as proof of eligibility for the Edinburgh Leisure Disability Membership.

- 1. Disability Living Allowance (DLA)** Disability Living Allowance is a tax-free benefit for disabled children and adults to help them with extra costs they may have because they're disabled. It must be claimed before they reach age 65.
- 2. Personal Independence Payment (PIP)** Personal Independence Payment, replaced Disability Living Allowance (DLA) in April 2013 and is for disabled people aged 16 to 64. PIP is gradually replacing DLA, however you may still see customers with DLA documentation which should be accepted
- 3. Adult Disability Payment (ADP)** Adult Disability Payment (ADP) will eventually replace both the Disability Living Allowance & Personal Independence Payment but this will not be completed until the end of 2025. You will see ADP become more frequent, but may still see customers with DLA & PIP which should still be accepted.
- 4. Attendance Allowance** This is a tax free benefit for people aged 65 or over who need help with personal care because they are physically or mentally disabled.
- 5. Disability Premium** A disabled person who receives Income Support may qualify for Disability premiums on top of the basic personal allowance.
- 6. Severe Disability Premium** The Severe Disability Premium can be awarded in addition to other premiums.
- 7. Enhanced Disability Premium** The Enhanced Disability Premium can be awarded in addition to other premiums.
- 8. Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefits (accidents)** Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (accidents) (IIDB) may be paid if a person is ill or disabled because of an accident or event that happened at work or in connection with work.

9. War Disablement Pension
May be claimed under the War Pensions Scheme if a person has been injured or disabled during a time of war or as a result of service in Her Majesty's (HM) Armed Forces. If no longer in HM Armed Forces paid if disablement claim arose before 6 April 2005.
10. Severe Disablement Allowance
Since April 2001 it has not been possible to make a new claim for Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA). Before April 2001, a person may have been able to claim it if they had been unable to work for at least 28 weeks in a row because of an illness or disability.
11. Constant Attendance Allowance
Constant Attendance Allowance (CAA) is paid if a person needs daily care and attention because of a disability and they claim Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit or a War Disablement Pension.
12. The Independent Living Fund
The Independent Living Fund (ILF) makes payments to disabled people to help them lead a more independent life.
13. Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefits (diseases and deafness)
Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit may be available if someone is ill or disabled because of disease or deafness caused by certain types of work.
14. Armed Forces Compensation Scheme
The Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) provides compensation if someone is injured, or have an illness, as a result of service in the Armed Forces. In case of death it can provide a payment to a surviving partner.
15. Diffuse Mesothelioma Payment
On 1 October 2008, a new government scheme was introduced for people suffering from the asbestos-related disease, diffuse mesothelioma.
Under certain circumstances, people who have the disease may be entitled to a one-off lump sum payment
16. Vaccine Damage Payment
Vaccine Damage Payment is a one off tax free payment of £120,000 that may be available if someone is severely disabled as a result of a vaccination against certain diseases.
17. Blue Badge Parking Scheme
The Blue Badge Parking Scheme is for people with severe mobility problems who have difficulty using public transport.



BENEFITS NOT ACCEPTED AS EVIDENCE OF ELIGIBILITY

Note: For the purposes of Edinburgh Leisure's Disability Membership **Incapacity Benefit** and **Employment and Support Allowance** will not be accepted as evidence for eligibility.

Incapacity Benefit (IB)

From 27 October 2008 **Employment and Support Allowance** replaced Incapacity Benefit and Income Support on incapacity grounds for new customers.

Since 31 January 2011 no new Incapacity Benefit claims have been accepted. Employment and Support Allowance is claimed instead

Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) was introduced from October 2008.

It replaced Incapacity Benefit and Income Support, paid because of an illness or disability, for new claimants only. If a person already receives Incapacity Benefit, they were not affected.

Employment and Support Allowance provides financial help to people who are unable to work because of illness or disability. It also provides personalised support to those who are able to work.

Money, tax and benefits

Disability benefits

▶ Disability Living Allowance

Basic information about claiming Disability Living Allowance tax-free to pay for help if you or your child is disabled or terminally ill. You can also find out how to report any change of circumstances

▶ Employment and Support Allowance

Information about Employment and Support Allowance, which replaced Incapacity Benefit for new customers from 27 October 2008

Incapacity Benefit

Basic information about claiming Incapacity Benefit if you're under State Pension age and can't work because of illness or disability

▶ Constant Attendance Allowance

Basic information about claiming Constant Attendance Allowance money if you're disabled and getting Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit or a War Disablement Pension

▶ Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (diseases and deafness)

Basic information about claiming Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (diseases and deafness) if you're ill or disabled because of disease or deafness caused by work

▶ Disabled Facilities Grants

Basic information about getting Disabled Facilities Grants to help pay for adapting your home by installing a ramp, stair lift or other improvements

▶ The Independent Living Fund

Help with personal and domestic care costs if you are severely disabled

▶ Medical costs for war pensioners

Basic information about getting a War Disablement Pension to help pay medical costs if you're injured or disabled serving in HM Armed Forces during war

▶ Vaccine Damage Payment

Basic information about claiming £120,000 Vaccine Damage Payment tax-free if your severe disability is caused by vaccination against certain diseases

▶ Personal Independence Payment

Personal Independence Payment will replace Disability Living Allowance for disabled people age 16 to 64, includes what will happen if you're currently getting Disability Living Allowance

▶ Attendance Allowance

Basic information about claiming Attendance Allowance if you're aged 65 or over, ill or disabled and need help with personal care. You can also find out how to report any change of circumstances

▶ Benefits if you are ill or disabled - changes you need to know about

Advice about changes to your benefit if you receive Incapacity Benefit or Income Support paid because of illness or disability

▶ Community Care Grants

Information about applying for a Community Care Grant if you're claiming certain benefits and for example need money to adapt your home for your disability

▶ Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (accidents)

Basic information about claiming Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (accidents) if you're ill or disabled because of a work-related accident

▶ Direct payments for care and services

Direct payments to buy in help instead of using your local council's social services if you're disabled or care for a disabled child or adult

▶ Blue Badge parking scheme (disabled people section)

Basic information about getting on the Blue Badge parking scheme to help you park closer to your destination if you're a disabled driver or passenger

▶ War Disablement Pension

Basic information about claiming War Disablement Pension if you've been injured or disabled during war or from serving in HM Armed Forces

▶ Severe Disablement Allowance

Information about claiming before April 2001 if you'd been unable to work for at least 28 weeks in a row because of illness or disability