

Benefits for you

Disability Living Allowance

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is designed to meet the extra cost of having a disability, and all deafblind people should be encouraged to claim it if eligible. [Find out more.](#)

Higher Rate Mobility Component

Changes to the Disability Living Allowance (DLA) higher rate mobility component from 11 April 2011 mean that some blind/deafblind people may be entitled to an extra £30 per week. [Find out if you are entitled.](#)

Sense does not have dedicated benefits staff but the links below should help you to find out more information and get support in making your claim.

Moving from Incapacity Benefit to Employment Support Allowance

Incapacity Benefit (IB), Income Support (claimed because of a disability) and Severe Disability Allowance are being replaced with a new benefit called Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). Everyone claiming these old benefits will be reassessed over the next three years. This is about 1.5 million people. From May 2011, the Government aims to be reassessing around 11,000 people per week. The only people excluded from this process will be people who are due to reach state pension age by March 2014. [Find out more.](#)

Disability Alliance

This organisation provides information on social security benefits, tax credits and social care to disabled people, their families, carers and professional advisers. For more information, visit the [Disability Alliance's](#) website (opens a new window).

Information from the government

The Directgov website provides a huge amount of information about benefits. Visit the [Directgov website](#) for more information (opens a new window).

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