

Income, Support and Finance

Carer's Support Grant

The Carer

The Carer's Support Grant is an annual payment to a person giving fulltime care and attention to a person who needs such care.

The carer must be living with or in a position to provide fulltime care and attention to the person in need of care.

The carer must be at least 16 and normally resident in the state.

The carer must be caring for the person for at least 6 months, up to and including the 1st Thursday in June, the payment day of the grant.

The Carer's Support Grant is not means tested. The Carer's Support Grant is subject to the working hours of the carer. The carer cannot work or take part in training or education outside the home for more than 18.5 hours per week.

The Person Being Cared for

The person being cared for must be so incapacitated as to require fulltime care and attention.

Requiring fulltime care and attention means he or she is so incapacitated as to need continuous supervision to avoid danger to him or her

or constant supervision and frequent assistance throughout the day in concern with normal bodily functions.

Qualification for the Carer's Support Grant is based on a medical assessment of the person needing care. With permission from the person needing care, their G.P. completes the Medical Report (Part 5 Section B of the Carer's Support Grant application form.)

The person being cared for must be normally resident in the state.

Carers who are in receipt of the **Carers Allowance, Carers Benefit or the Domiciliary Care Allowance** are paid the Carer's Support Grant each year **automatically**. They do not need to make a separate application for the Carer's Support Grant.

There is no automatic payment of the respite care grant based on payment of the Disability Allowance. Where a person being cared for qualifies for the Disability Allowance the carer seeking the grant will have to apply separately.

Extra Information

When completing the application form for the Carer's Support Grant it can be useful to include extra information to show the need for fulltime care and attention.

Extra information can include reports from community health doctors, therapists or consultants, an Assessment of Need report (AON), the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP), a letter from the child's teacher, Special Needs Assistant or child-minder, or a family impact statement.

A **daily care diary** can be of use to record and demonstrate extra care and attention needs. Begin the diary in the morning and continue right through to night time, including any waking during the night. Use the diary to record all care needs over a few days and include it with your application.

The Carer's Support Grant Application Form

The application form (CSG1) and assistance completing the form is available on request from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) or local Citizens Information Centre, or online.

Allow time to read the application form carefully, complete each section and gather together the additional information you may want to include with your application form.

It can be useful for your own records to keep a copy of the completed application form.

Useful Contacts

[Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection](#)

[Citizens Information Services](#)

[Inclusion Ireland](#)