

Help with and applying for Attendance Allowance

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Whilst the form looks quite daunting at first, we can help you get through it in no time.

Attendance Allowance is the non means-tested benefit intended to prolong your independence.

Eligibility

Eligibility is covered in more detail on www.gov.uk/attendance-allowance/eligibility

- ✓ You are aged 65 or over
- ✓ You have a disability which affects your everyday life, especially your mobility and ability to look after yourself
- ✓ You live in Great Britain when you claim
- ✓ You have lived in Great Britain for the last three years



How it works

Many older people are eligible for Attendance Allowance, which is not means-tested. Depending on your financial circumstances you may also be entitled to financial support from the pensions service.

The services manager can advise you in confidence and assist with making applications where appropriate.

How much could I get?

The amount of money you get depends on the level of care that you need because of your disability, whether it be physical or mental.

Rates from April 2017 to April 2018 are:

£55.65 a week: help is needed in the day or at night

£83.10 a week: help is needed both day and night

Services Manager Amy Gillman has helped 50 owners to apply for Attendance Allowance since the beginning of 2016, raising over £200,000 per year between them. The government encourages anyone eligible to apply for this benefit which pays recipients £55 or £83 per week.



Call Retirement Security on **01789 292952** to discuss or visit our website www.retirementsecurity.co.uk

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To discuss, please contact Retirement Security at our Stratford-upon-Avon office

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How can I claim for Attendance Allowance?

We've helped many hundreds of owners to successfully apply for Attendance Allowance and will be happy to take you through this process.

Step one

1 Get an Attendance Allowance form

You can either call the Attendance Allowance helpline on 0345 605 6055, download via www.gov.uk/attendance-allowance/how-to-claim or we can do this for you. Please speak to the manager at the court which interests you or call our team in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Step two

2 Filling out the form

The form looks quite daunting at first, but we can help you get through it in no time. The questions ask you to be very clear on your illness or disability.

Step three

3 Attach important information

With your form it is a good idea to attach supporting information, such as GP prescription and letters.

Appeal against refusal

If RSL believe you have been wrongly refused, they will help you to appeal.

Step four

4 Send Attendance Allowance form

You can either submit the form online or by post, or we can do it for you.

Step five

5 After sending form

You may be contacted to arrange a visit with your doctor (this does not occur with every application). However, it is good to plan in case this happens.

Step six

6 Notification of acceptance

You will receive a letter stating if you have been successful in applying for the benefit, how much the payments will be and when they should start.

