

Extra Child Trust Fund payments for disabled children

From April 2010 the government will start to make extra payments into the Child Trust Fund accounts of disabled children. The extra payment will be £100 per year, or £200 per year if a child is on the care component of Disability Living Allowance at the highest rate.

Will all disabled children receive these extra payments?

No. In order to qualify for an additional payment from the government your child must have been in receipt of **Disability Living Allowance** (DLA) at some point in the previous year. In addition, only children born on or after 1st September 2002 have Child Trust Fund accounts.

My child gets DLA. What steps do I need to take to ensure my child receives these extra payments into their account?

The government expects to automatically identify those children who have both DLA and a child trust fund and will then make a payment directly into each child's account. Parents will receive a letter telling them once a payment has been made.

When will my child be able to get the money in their account?

A child must normally wait until they reach 18 years of age to access the money in their account. However if your child has a terminal illness and their death could be reasonably expected within six months, you can get early access to buy things that your child needs.

Phone the Contact a Family helpline for further information (freephone 0808 808 3555).