**UPDATE ON THE NEW TERMINAL ILLNESS DEFINITION FOR DISABILITY ASSISTANCE IN SCOTLAND**

**This affects healthcare professionals who complete *DS1500 forms* and the new Scottish *BASRiS forms*.**

**Adult Disability Payment**, which replaces Personal Independence Payment (PIP), is **launching nationally across Scotland on 29 Aug 2022.** There will be a pilot phase for new applications, which is detailed in the table below.

This means, where Adult Disability payment is available, Scotland’s new terminal illness definition, based on clinical judgement, will apply to **adults (aged 16 to state pension age)** who become terminally ill. This moves away from the current DWP time limited ‘6 month’ definition.

For patients living in areas where Adult Disability Payment is available, [BASRiS](https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/guidance-resources/guidance/when-to-complete-a-basris-or-a-ds1500-form) forms (instead of DS1500 forms), should be completed to support applications for disability assistance.

**Do I complete a DS1500 or a BASRiS form?**

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| **Children** | **Which form to use** |
| For all children living in Scotland aged 0 to 16 years | Complete a **BASRiS** form and return it to Social Security Scotland |

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| **Adults aged 16 – State Pension Age (SPA)** | | **Which form to use** |
| Unless the below criteria is met | | Complete a **DS1500** form and return it to DWP |
| **21 Mar ‘22 onwards** | For adults (16-SPA)living in Dundee City, Perth and Kinross and Western Isles who are not in receipt of PIP or DLA | Complete a **BASRiS** form and return it to Social Security Scotland |
| **20 June ‘22 onwards** | For adults (16- SPA) living in Tayside, Western Isles or Lanarkshire Health Boards who are not in receipt of PIP or DLA |
| **25 July ’22 onwards** | For adults (16–SPA) living in Fife, Ayrshire and Arran and Grampian Health Boards who are not in receipt of PIP or DLA |
| **29 Aug ’22 onwards** | For all adults (16 – SPA) living in Scotland |

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| **Adults over state pension age** | **Which form to use** |
| For all adults over state pension age | Please continue to use a DS1500 and return to DWP. |
| The date for when you’ll be able to use a BASRiS form for adults over state pension age is yet to be announced. For updates go to: [www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/terminal-illness](http://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/terminal-illness) | |

**New terminal illness definition**

You can find full details of the new terminal illness definition in the [CMO and CNO letter](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/cmo/CMO(2021)15.pdf) issued in June 2021. It also explains how this change will be rolled out for each of Scotland’s new forms of disability assistance.

It is important to highlight that this change in the terminal illness definition applies to disability assistance in Scotland only. **Please Note:** There are other legislative definitions of terminal illness (e.g. Carers (Scotland) Act 2016) which remain unchanged.

**Chief Medical Officer’s guidance**

As a clinician, you must use the [Chief Medical Officer’s guidance](https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/guidance-resources/guidance/chief-medical-officers-guidance-for-clinicians-completing-a-basris-form-for-terminal-illness) when completing a BASRiS form, to comply with the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.

**How to get BASRiS forms**

We distributed BASRiS forms to GP practices and NHS Boards throughout Scotland before the national launch of Child Disability Payment (Nov 2021). Further information on how to get BASRiS forms can be found [here.](https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/guidance-resources/guidance/requesting-a-basris-form)

The digital BASRiS form is currently under development. Information will be updated [here](https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/guidance-resources/guidance/when-to-complete-a-basris-or-a-ds1500-form) when available.

**Additional Support**

Several additional sources of support have been developed to ensure that clinicians are well-prepared to implement the required changes. These have been developed in conjunction with stakeholders, including clinicians, the British Medical Association, the Royal College of General Practitioners in Scotland and the Royal College of Nursing, to ensure relevance to professional regulatory requirements.

These include:

* [frequently asked questions](https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/guidance-resources/guidance/special-rules-for-terminal-illness-frequently-asked-questions)
* [factsheet for clinicians](https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/guidance-resources/guidance/special-rules-for-terminal-illness-factsheet-for-clinicians) outlining the changes
* [leaflet](https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/guidance-resources/guidance/special-rules-for-terminal-illness-leaflet-for-patients) for patients and those who support them
* [Clinician's Helpline](https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/guidance-resources/guidance/special-rules-for-terminal-illness-contacting-the-clinicians-helpline) managed by Social Security Scotland

All supportive information is available in a single place on our website: [www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/terminal-illness](http://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/terminal-illness)

**Stakeholder Events**

Social Security Scotland are hosting stakeholder events which will be of particular interest to clinicians and people supporting adults who are terminally ill.

Events targeting those supporting adults living in Perth and Kinross, Dundee City and Western Isles will be held on 22 Feb and 2 Mar.

Information on these can be accessed [here.](https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/news-events/events/adult-disability-payment-special-rules-for-terminal-illness)

Further events will be held in advance of each stage of the rollout of Adult Disability Payment.