

About the Independent Living Fund

The ILF may make payments to disabled people to be used towards the cost of appointing personal assistants or using a care agency, to provide the personal care and domestic assistance they need to live at home. To get payments from the ILF, you need to meet certain conditions (see leaflet 1 for more information).

Summary

This leaflet tells you about what the ILF need to know before we can start paying you and how your payments are made. The ILF pays your money into a bank or building society account every four weeks. You then pay your personal assistant or the agency you use.

You must keep records of how you spend your money and show us your records when the ILF or the ILF assessor asks you to.



Remember to tell us about any changes. If you don't tell us about a change we may pay you money you should not have had and you will have to pay this money back.

Other formats

We can provide this leaflet in different formats, please contact our Public Communications Managers for more details.

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Getting your Money



This leaflet explains how and when you get your ILF money.



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What you need to tell the ILF about before we can start paying you?

After we came to visit you, we worked out how much we can offer you and sent you an offer letter. We will also have sent you an Agreement form. You need to fill this form in and return it to us before your payments can start. The form asks you or the person who will be responsible for ILF money to confirm things like:

- The ILF award you are accepting
- Who you will pay with the ILF money
- Details of the bank account you want the ILF money to be paid into

The form also asks you or the person who will manage your money to accept the obligations that go with receiving ILF money. These are explained in our leaflets and in your offer letters.



How often do you get your money?

The ILF pay your money every 4 weeks, usually on a Monday. Each payment you get will be for the last 4 weeks.



Common questions

How will I receive my money?

The ILF pay your money direct into your bank or building society account. If you cannot manage your own money or you have had problems using our money properly in the past, we may make payments to a third party. A third party is somebody who is willing to look after your money and pay all the care bills and will take on all of the obligations that are explained in our leaflets and in your offer letters.

Do I have to get a separate bank account?

No. However, lots of people find that having a separate account just for their money from the ILF makes it easier to work out how much money they have.

Does it matter if I have a joint account?

It doesn't matter because the Agreement form tells the ILF who is accepting responsibility for the money.

Do I need to keep records?

Yes, you need to keep records of many things. You will need to send these to the ILF when we ask you to. Our assessor will also ask to see your records at your review. See leaflet 11 for more details.



Common questions

Where do I find my bank account information the ILF needs?

All the information we need is shown on your bank statement or on your cheque book.

If you are not sure you can ring your bank and ask them to give you the information.

What do I do if I change my account?

If you change your account, you need to let the ILF know by filling in another Agreement form and sending it back to us. Please phone us to ask us to send you this form. Part of this form asks you or the person responsible for ILF money to give the new account details.

You cannot tell us over the phone about new account details.

Will I always get the same amount of money?

You will normally get the same amount of money each time the ILF pay you. However, the amount of money we pay you may not be the same if there has been a change in your life (for example, if you go into hospital).

If there is a change in the amount of money you get, or we stop paying you, we will always write and let you know why.