

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

When your application was made to the ILF we asked about the amount of capital you and your partner had. If your capital is less than £13,500, the ILF does not take this money into account.

If however your capital is over £13,500 but less than £22,250 we do take some of this money into account. If you have more than £22,250 in capital - this could be because you need to buy a piece of equipment or you have had a compensation payment - the ILF will need to look at your case again to decide whether it will still help to pay towards your care costs. If you are not sure about anything you have read, please phone us.

Other formats

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Savings and Capital



This leaflets explains what happens if you have savings or receive a compensation payment



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What counts as capital?

ILF count the following things as capital.

- Savings (the money that is in your or your partner's bank or building society account)
- Any stocks or shares you or your partner own
- Any houses you or your partner own that you do not live in
- Any land you or your partner own
- Any savings plans you or your partner own (such as PEPS, TESSAs, ISAs)

How your capital could affect the money you get from the ILF

When you first applied to the ILF, we checked that you or your partner did not have more than £22,250 in capital. We checked this because we cannot help people who have more money than this.

If your or your partner's capital is less than £13,500 we do not take any of this money into account. If you or your partner (or both of you) have between £13,500 and £22,250 the ILF will take some of this money into account, this is called a **"Tariff Income"**.

What is "Tariff Income"

Any capital you have over £13,500 needs to be considered as "available income".

For every £250 you have over £13,500, we add £1 a week to your income when working out how much money you should pay towards your care.

For more information about "available income" please see leaflets 4 and 5.

Saving for equipment or an adaptation

The ILF can sometimes allow you to have more than the £22,250 limit for up to a maximum period of 6 months. This is only if you plan to use the money to buy something you need, that is related to your disability such as an electric wheelchair or adaptations to your home. You must contact us to tell us how you plan to use the money and when you will use it. If you do not use the money within 6 months the ILF will stop your payments.



Don't get into debt

If you do not tell us that you have more than £13,500 in capital it may lead to an overpayment. An overpayment means the ILF have paid you money you should not have had. You will have to pay this money back.

Trust Funds and Court of Protection

ILF will not normally make an award where you are a beneficiary under a trust fund where the assets/capital held by the trust is more than £22,250.

It applies to you whether this is personal injury compensation or money from a family trust or a will trust or from any other source (there are some exceptions - Thalidomide Trust and Vaccine damage scheme). Please contact the ILF if you have money from other sources so we can discuss your case with you in more detail.

This applies whether or not any payment has actually been made from the trust fund to you and regardless of any future intentions to make payment from the trust fund.

If you have money, which is being administered by the High Court, County Court or Court of Protection or consists of compensation paid under a Structured Settlement or by periodical payment we will deal with these in the same way as we do with trust funds.

If the trust is £22,250 or less there is no restrictions on how you or your trustees can spend any money paid from the trust and payments from the Fund can still be made.