

Your contribution

When we work out how much money the ILF may be able to offer you, we take into account the following benefits if you get them.

- **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)**

To apply to us for payments you must already be receiving the higher rate care component of DLA. We take half of this benefit into account when working out how much we may be able to offer you.

- **Severe Disability Premium (SDP)**

If you get Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance or Pension Credit Guarantee Credit, we take the SDP part into account. You must tell us if you get SDP because it will affect the payments you get from us. If you do get SDP, this will be shown on your Income Support or Pension Credit Guarantee Credit statement under "*How your benefit is worked out*", where it will say—

"Because you are severely disabled".

Other formats

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

How to get in touch with us:

Telephone 0845 601 8815
or
0115 9450700



Textphone 0845 601 8816

Fax 0115 945 0944
0115 945 0945
0115 945 0946

Address PO Box 7525
Nottingham
NG2 4ZT



E-Mail funds@ilf.org.uk



Website www.ilf.org.uk

This leaflet is not legal advice, and although it does not deal with your specific situation, it does set out your general obligations to the ILF. Any figures or references to documents are correct at the time of issuing. The ILF reserves the right to update this leaflet from time to time.

Individual budgets—issue 2—June 08

You, the ILF and your Individual Budget



This leaflet explains how having an individual budget works with your ILF payment



Creating Choice for Disabled People

About the Independent Living Funds (ILF)

The ILF may make payments to disabled people to be used towards the cost of them employing Personal Assistants (PAs) or using a care agency to give them personal care and domestic assistance. The money comes from the Government and it enables people to live at home with choice and control over the assistance they receive. The ILF is a discretionary organisation, which means we can decide not to pay someone even if they meet all the conditions to get ILF payments. The ILF is managed by a board of 9 Trustees and has recently become an Executive Non Departmental Public Body.

What are Individual Budgets?

An individual budget brings together all the funding that a person requires to meet their social care needs. It means that people have more choice and control over the support and services they get.

If you have an individual budget it still means that you can apply for or continue to receive ILF money providing you still meet the ILF's criteria.

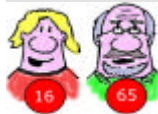
To get help from the ILF you must meet **all** the following criteria



Get at least **£320** worth of support a week or £16,640 per year from your local authority. This amount must be made up of personal care and domestic assistance or at least £200 (£10,400 a year) worth of support per week if you were in receipt of ILF before 1/4/08.



Get the **higher rate care component** of Disability Living Allowance (DLA).



You must be at least **16** and under **65**. If you apply before you are 65, the funding can continue after your 65th birthday as long as you still meet all the other conditions.



Be living in the UK and expect to live in your home for **6 months** after you have applied



Have capital/savings of **less than £22,250** (this must include any money your partner has)

How can I apply?

There are 3 forms you and your Social Services Department have to fill in to apply to us. The forms are—Application Form; Financial Information Form and the SSD 1000 Form

Once we have received all of the 3 forms back we will check you meet all the conditions.

We will give priority to applicants who fall into two groups. The first priority group is:

- People who are paid to work 16 hours or more each week

The second priority group is:

- People who are getting Income Support, Income based Job Seekers Allowance, Pension Credit Guarantee Credit or similar income and whose total care package costs £500 per week or more.

All the forms you need to apply to ILF are available from us, or from your local authority social services department. You can also download them from our website. Details about how you can contact us are on the back of this leaflet.

What happens next?

One of our assessors will come out and visit you with a social worker from your local authority.

The meeting is to find out more about your needs and we will use the information to work out how much money we may be able to offer you.