



## Supported internships and benefits

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- Young people on supported internships **cannot** apply for Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Young people on supported internships **can** apply for [Personal Independence Payment](#) (PIP) or continue to receive Disability Living Allowance (DLA) until asked to claim PIP. DLA is being phased out and replaced by PIP. Claimants of PIP receive between [£21.55 and £138.05 a week](#) (not taxable). Entitlement to DLA or PIP can also lead to additional support such as through [Motability](#) (to help you lease a vehicle using your mobility component of DLA or PIP), [the Blue Badge Scheme](#) or other [help with transport](#). The DLA or PIP entitlement notification will tell you more about what benefits or schemes you may be entitled to.
- Young people who qualify for DLA/PIP can access the income-related strand of [Employment and Support Allowance](#) (ESA). Young people under the age of 25 normally receive £57.35 a week rising to £76.10 a week from the 14<sup>th</sup> week of the claim.
- In addition to this, if the young person is receiving either rate of the daily living component of PIP or the middle or highest rate of the DLA care component, an informal carer may be able to claim [Carer's Allowance](#) (£61.35 a week, taxable).
- Young people are also eligible to [Access to Work funding](#) within the work placement of their supported internship. There is no set amount for an Access to Work grant, and how much an individual receives depends upon their circumstances.
- In addition to this, parents / ci of young people on supported internships can claim [Universal Credit](#), if eligible, or the benefits that will be replaced by Universal Credit. Universal Credit replaces: income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Housing Benefit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Employment and Support Allowance and Income Support.
- Until Universal Credit fully rolls out, young people on supported internships may have access to [Income Support](#) if they are not living with a parent or someone acting as a parent, or are a parent themselves.

Other benefits that parents / carers may be eligible for not included in Universal Credit or listed above include:

- [Council tax support](#) – this is provided by local council tax reduction, and is administered and paid for by local authorities.
- [Child benefit](#) (if the parent/carer is responsible for a child under 16, or under 20 if they stay in approved [education or training](#) - £20.50/week for first child, and £13.55/week for each subsequent child).

**Important information about this webpage:** this webpage is only a guide and does not cover every circumstance. We have done our best to make sure that the information on this webpage is correct as of October 2014. It is possible that some of the information is oversimplified, or may become inaccurate over time, for example because of changes to the law. You can find more information about benefits and pensions online. For benefits information, go to: [www.gov.uk/browse/benefits](http://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits)