



Disability Related Expenditure

Paying for extra things
because you have a disability
or illness



About Disability Related Expenditure



Disability Related Expenditure is called **DRE** for short.

DRE is when you have to pay for extra things because of your disability.



This might be things like:

- Wheelchair insurance
- Telecare
- Gas, electricity and bills



You may not have to pay as much for your care charges if you have to pay for extra things.



We will only ask you to pay less if:

- You can show us you have to buy extra things or services



- We agree you need these things because of your disability



- We think the cost is fair for what you are buying



- You are not already getting money towards the cost from somewhere else. This might be mobility payments, a Direct Payment, or a grant.

Who can get DRE



To be able to get **DRE** you must:

- Use Social Care Services like support or home help that you are paying for yourself.

- Get disability benefits like:

- Attendance Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance (Care Component)
- Personal Independence Payment (Daily Living Component)



It is really important you tell us about all the extra things you have to pay for because of your disability.

Applying for DRE



At your Financial Assessment we will check if you get disability benefits.



If you do we ask you to pay less for your care charges by a set amount.

We call this a **Flat Rate Deduction**.



If you get the Flat Rate Deduction you do not have to give us proof of your expenses.



Our flat rates

There are 2 different rates. Which one you get is linked to your disability benefit.



£10 off a week for people on lower, middle or standard rate disability benefits.



£15.30 off a week if you are on higher rate disability benefit.



You may have to buy extra things and services that cost more than the Flat Rate allowance. If you do you can ask for more money off your care charges.

Disability Related Expenditure Form (DRE)

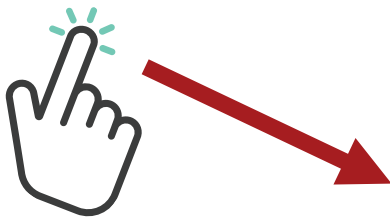
Please complete this form if you live at home and incur extra costs directly related to your disability. Please see the enclosed DRE fact sheet for information and guidance on DRE and what evidence if any you will need to provide to support your claim.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Post Code: _____

Details of extra costs you face because of your disability

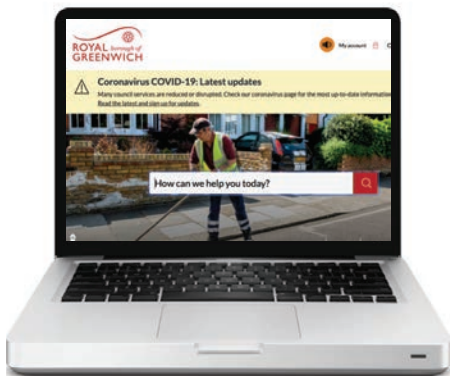
Type of cost	What do you pay for?	Amount you pay	How often do you pay for it?
Charging: phone, bedding			
Community alarm			
Wearing			
Conditioning or transport: Private Car			

You will need to fill in the application form from our website.



If you are reading this online, click this link for the form.

[Disability related expenditure form](#)



Or go to our website

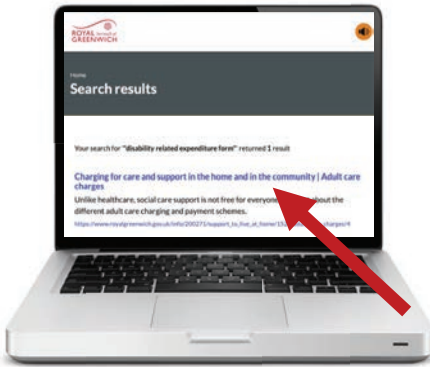
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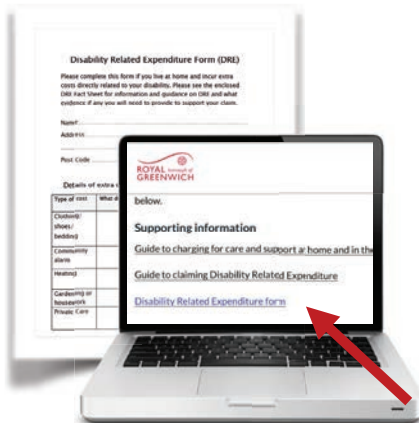
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Click on the link:

Charging for care and support in the home and in the community



At the bottom of the page there is a link to the application form.



If you fill in an application form for **DRE** you will need to show us proof that you pay more.

Proof can be receipts, invoices, contracts or bank statements.



You can still apply if you don't have the proof right away. You have 3 months to show us.

Extra things and services you can claim for

You can claim for specialist items.

Specialist items are things like:



- Electric wheelchairs



- Stairlifts



- Specialist clothes or shoes



- Special food you may need



You can claim for adapting or buying your own equipment.



You can claim for running costs for your equipment. This means things like paying for it to be checked, fixed or paying for insurance.

You can claim for some services:



- Carers you pay for yourself



- Continence items you buy yourself



- Telecare alarm



- Cleaning



- Taxis when the cost is more than your mobility benefit



- Having shopping delivered



- Extra prescription charges

You can claim for some of your bills:



- Heating bill.
You may need to keep your house very warm because you can't move about.



- Water bill.
Your may need to use more water because you have to do lots of washing.



- Phone or broadband bill
You may need to use the phone or broadband to keep in touch with other people.

Help with applying



If you need help claiming your **DRE** you can contact the **Financial Assessment Team**.



Telephone
020 8921 3759



Email
Financial-Assessments@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

For more information

You can get more information about [Disability Related Expenditure](https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk) from our website.

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