

MOTABILITY DEPOSIT

Information sheet

The Charity can sometimes help with requests for help towards the deposit for an adapted vehicle purchased through the Motability Scheme. You can apply to join the Motability Scheme if you receive one of these disability allowances:

- Enhanced rate mobility part of [Personal Independence Payment \(PIP\)](#)
- Higher rate mobility part of [Disability Living Allowance \(DLA\)](#)
- Enhanced rate mobility part of [Adult Disability Payment \(Scotland\)](#)
- Higher rate mobility component of [Child Disability Payment \(Scotland\)](#)
- [War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement \(WPMS\)](#)
- [Armed Forces Independence Payment \(AFIP\)](#)

Important information about applying for support: You need to have at least 12 months left on your allowance if you're applying to join the Scheme.

You should apply to the Motability Foundation before ordering your vehicle. Ordering first may affect your eligibility, and they may not be able to provide financial support. Their assessment will confirm what help they can offer and the most suitable vehicle. We cannot consider your application until this is known, and we recommend you apply to us before placing an order. For more information and how to apply please go to www.motabilityfoundation.org.uk or call 0800 500 3186.

If you are requesting help from the Charity, we will need you to complete our financial assistance application (this can be found at www.cfcs.org.uk/help-advice/money/financial-assistance) and upload all requested documents. To further support your request for assistance, please also include the following:

- If you have a current car that still meets your needs and the lease is 3 years old, we will need to know that there is not an option for you to extend the lease up to 5 years.
- If your current vehicle is no longer suitable for you, the lease is expiring with no option to extend, or you are purchasing a vehicle for the first time we will need to see evidence that you have applied for a grant from the Motability Foundation. If you are not eligible, we will require written confirmation of this outlined in their decision letter.
- If a Motability grant application has been declined, or only a partial contribution has been awarded, the Charity may look at whether additional support can be provided to help meet the individual's needs. In situations where no advance payment (deposit) is required, because Motability Foundation has found the vehicle has been assessed as fully suitable and able to meet your needs, the Charity would not be able to offer grant funding towards a deposit, as no financial contribution would be needed.
- A recommendation from the garage where you are purchasing the car from confirming which vehicle they are recommending and the total deposit required.

If we are able to offer financial assistance towards the deposit for an adapted vehicle, this will be limited to a one-off payment up to a maximum of £1,000. If you have been with the Civil Service for less than a year, this payment will be capped at £500.

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