

INFORMATION LEAFLET ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE

Are you over the age of 65?

Do you have you have a physical disability (including sensory disability, for example blindness), a mental disability (including learning difficulties), or both?

Is your disability severe enough for you to need help caring for yourself or someone to supervise you, for your own or someone else's safety?

Are you UK resident? (exclusions apply)

If you answered "yes" to the above questions, you may be eligible to claim Attendance Allowance which is a none means tested and tax-free allowance.

The following are the different rates available depending upon your care needs:

Rate	Level of help you need
Lower rate - £55.65	Frequent help or constant supervision during the day, or supervision at night
Higher rate - £83.10	Help or supervision throughout both day and night, or you're terminally ill

If you would like to commence a claim, you may call the Attendance Allowance helpline on: 0345 604 5312

They are open Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

If you would like further information and/or help filling out the claim form or help with a Reconsideration or Appeal if your claim is refused free of charge, you can visit the following websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/attendance-allowance/how-to-claim>

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/benefits-entitlements/attendance-allowance/> or telephone your Age UK on 0800 055 6112 or your local Age UK branch on 01843 223881

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/sick-or-disabled-people-and-carers/attendance-allowance/>

Or your local Citizens Advice may be able to assist you as follows:

MARGATE DROP-IN SESSIONS

2nd Floor, Mill Lane House, Mill Lane, Margate CT9 1LB
Monday 09.30 - 12.30
Wednesday 09.30 - 12.30
Friday 09.30 - 12.30

RAMSGATE DROP-IN SESSIONS (Open from 8th March 2016)

38 – 40 Plains of Waterloo, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 8HX
Tuesday 09.30 - 12.30
Thursday 09.30 - 12.30

There is also help-line on 01843 225973 from 09.30 – 12.30 Monday to Friday.

If you would like some pointers in the right direction, please do not hesitate to ask one of our Wills and Probate team during your appointment.

For further information please email us:

Ramsgate: ramsgate@robinson-allfree.co.uk **01843 592361**

Broadstairs: broadstairs@robinson-allfree.co.uk **01843 865261**