

## Grants and financial supports

Please view the following options for information on grants and financial supports available.

### **VAT Exemption**

VAT exemption allows chronically sick or disabled people to buy eligible items at 0% VAT thus saving them money. Disabled people do not have to pay VAT when they buy equipment that has been designed solely for disabled people, or on the adaptation of equipment so they can use it. Also, VAT is not charged on certain services provided to disabled people, including some building work to adapt a disabled person's home and the hire of disability equipment like wheelchairs.

For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/financial-help-disabled/vat-relief> or <https://www.bluebadgecompany.co.uk/vat-exemption>

### **Road Tax Exemption**

If you are a driver with a disability or look after someone who is a driver with a disability, they MAY be exempt from paying vehicle tax.

For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/get-vehicle-tax-exemption-disability>

### **SAAS - Dependants Allowance**

You may be able to claim this if you are a full-time student and carer, assessed grant for your husband, wife, civil partner, partner or any other adult you act as a carer for.

For more information visit: <https://www.studentinformation.gov.scot/students/higher-education/dependants-allowance>

## **ILF Scotland**

The ILF Scotland Transition Fund provides money, for up to one year, to support young people living with disabilities to help improve their lives. This includes autism, learning difficulty, physical disability, mental health (e.g. anxiety or depression) or hearing or visual impairments.

The purpose of the Fund is to help young people, between the ages of 16 and 25 living with disabilities, with the transition after leaving school or children's services to be more independent and to continue spending time with other people.

For more information visit: <https://ilf.scot/> or call 0300 200 2022.

## **Family Fund**

The Family Fund are a registered charity and they believe that all families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people should have the same opportunities as others. They aim to support this by providing grants for a wide range of essential items such as washing machines, sensory toys, family breaks, bedding, clothing and computers/tablets. It can be a struggle financially, emotionally and physically for families raising a disabled or seriously ill child, and these grants help break down many of the barriers families face, improving their quality of life and easing the additional daily pressures.

To find out more or to apply online visit: <https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

## **Take a Break**

Take a Break is Scotland's short breaks fund for carers of disabled children, young people and their families. Take a Break grants can be used for a break away, towards leisure activities or outings; sports equipment and much more.

To find out more or to apply online visit: <https://takeabreakscotland.org.uk/>

## **Turn2us**

Turn2us is a national charity that can help families to gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and support services.

For more information visit: <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>