

MOTABILITY

Motability is a registered charity set up by the Government that supplies new and secondhand cars, powered wheelchairs and scooters to people with limited mobility, using the disabled person's Disability Living Allowance (DLA) Mobility Component.

CAR SCHEMES

You can lease or buy a car if you

- ◆ Get Disability Living Allowance Higher Rate Mobility, the parents of a child with this benefit can apply, or
- ◆ War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement.

Two types of scheme are available – hiring or hire purchase.

Under hire purchase it is possible to buy an electric wheelchair or used car, as well as a new car.

Your Disability Living Allowance Higher Rate Mobility must still have at least 12 months left to run.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- ◆ You may have to make an advance payment or deposit.
- ◆ You may wish or need to have adaptations made to your car, and there may be a cost involved.
- ◆ But there may be grants available for deposits, adaptations or even for driving lessons.
- ◆ A Motability car agreement cannot be renewed if you are in hospital.
- ◆ If the disabled person is unable to drive s/he can nominate another person to have driving lessons on their behalf and Motability can pay 50% of the costs.

OTHER HELP

- ◆ Disabled Person Railcard
 - entitles you to 1/3 off many train fares
- ◆ Parking Concessions – Blue Badge
 - given by the local Adult, Health and Community Services department of the County Council (formerly Social Services), there is automatic entitlement to people on Disability Living Allowance Higher Rate Mobility
- ◆ Travel to Work Costs

FURTHER DETAILS

**Motability Car Scheme
Motability Operations
City Gate House
22 Southwark Bridge Road
London
SE1 9HB
(0845 456 4566)**

**Motability Wheelchair & Scooter Scheme
Route2Mobility
Newbury Road
Enham Alamein
Andover
SP11 6JS
(0845 607 6260)**

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