

A man and two young children are walking along a gravel path through a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The man, wearing a blue jacket and grey trousers, is holding the hands of the two children, a girl in a blue coat and a boy in a pink coat. In the background, there are rolling hills covered in green and autumn-colored trees, and a large, stone castle or ruin stands on a hill under a cloudy sky. A blue speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing white text.

Short break grants for carers in Scotland



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Take a Break

Take a Break provides cash grants to help you enjoy quality time away from your normal caring routine.

Can I apply?

You can apply for a Take a Break grant if you:

- have lived in Scotland for six months
- are a UK resident
- care for a disabled child or young person with complex additional support needs aged 0-20 years, who lives at home

Please note:

You will not be eligible to apply if the child or young person you care for is looked after by the local authority, or lives away from your home (e.g. in foster care).

Visit our website for more information:
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What can I apply for?

What you need may depend on your interests and personal circumstances. We expect our average award to be around £300. Grants may be used flexibly and can contribute towards things like:

- **holiday or short break away** – for the carer, whole family or disabled young person
- **day trips** – entrance fees to theme parks or zoos, meals out, spa day
- **additional carer** – to enable you to relax and fully participate during a break away
- **travel costs** – ferry, bus or train tickets, travel passes, flights, fuel or taxi fares
- **sport, play or leisure equipment** – camping equipment, paddleboard, trampoline
- **clubs and activities** – membership fees, sports training, season tickets, hobby materials
- **digital devices and subscriptions** – for entertainment, learning and socialising



Take a Break cannot, unfortunately, be used for:

- capital items such as vehicles
- replacement of statutory funding
- a break that has already been arranged or something that has already been purchased
- items that do not meet the principles of the fund, which is to support carers to have a break

How to apply

The fund is open for a limited time each year. Check our website www.takeabreakscotland.org.uk or Facebook page www.facebook.com/takeabreakscotland for updates.

The quickest way to apply for a Take a Break grant when the scheme is open, is online via our website. You can also request a paper application to be sent to you, by calling us: **01904 571093**.



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This programme is one of four, short break grant funds available in Scotland, on behalf of the Scottish Government. To find out more about other funding for short breaks, visit the Shared Care Scotland website:

www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk

or call: **01383 622462**.

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