



The Motability Scheme

What it is?

The Motability Scheme is run by an independent not-for-profit organisation Motability. It gives disabled people the opportunity to own or lease a car at an affordable price. You are also able to purchase or hire powered wheelchairs or scooters.

Who can use the Motability Scheme?

If you are receiving the higher rate of the mobility component of the Disabled Living Allowance (DLA) or the War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement you are able to use the scheme.

How does it work?

There are 2 ways in which you can use the Motability Scheme

1. Contract Hire

Through this Contract Hire Scheme you can lease a new car supplied by a Motability Accredited dealer for at least a 3year period. Included in this package is Comprehensive Insurance, routine servicing and breakdown assistance. You will need to pay for any fitting and removal or any adaptations.

You can apply if you have 12 months or more of you Disability Living Allowance 'award' remaining. If your 'award' is not renewed during the full length of your chosen scheme, your car will need to be returned.

At the end of the period, the car is returned to Motability Operations who operate the car schemes under contract to Motability.

2. Hire Purchase

Through the Hire Purchase Scheme, you are able to buy the car you want either second hand or brand new. You are responsible for negotiating the purchase price of the car with the dealer and will need to arrange insurance yourself. At the end of the hire purchase, which is usually between 2 and 5 years, you will own the car.

Under the scheme, you are also able to hire purchase a powered wheelchair or scooter.

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Can I receive financial help?

If you need financial help for the car or adaptations, Motability may be able to provide a grant through their own charitable fund of the Specialised Vehicle Funds which they administer for the government.

Disabled people don't have to pay VAT on the cost of hiring a car through the Motability Scheme. The cost of any work involved in adapting a vehicle for a disabled person is also exempt from VAT.

How do I apply?

To find out more information and apply under the Motability Scheme you can contact them direct using the numbers below or visit them online

Telephone: 0845 4564 566

Text Phone: 01279 632 273