

Individual Support Grant (ISG) categories and upper limits

Category	ISG maximum limit (£) 2015	Branch maximum limit (£) 2015
Home adaptations/driveways/hard standings ^a	3,150	
Wheelchairs ^b	2,500	
Scooters	1,500	
Special equipment - beds	1,500	
Special equipment - chairs	1,500	
Motability advance payments ^c	1,000	
Car adaptations ^c	1,000	
Driving lessons	500	
Furnishings, flooring & domestic appliances	600	
Post-adaptations remedial work	600	
Essential home repairs	600	
Replacement boilers ^d	2,000	
Removal costs	500	
Clinical aids/equipment (e.g. FES/TENS machines, Lycra orthoses)	1,000	
Communication aids	500	
Computers ^e	500	
Bankruptcy or Debt Relief Order fees ^f	700	
Exercise equipment (including standing/walking frames)	2,000	
Miscellaneous ^g	500	

Please note these limits are the maximum grants available, not necessarily what will be awarded in every case.

- a) Where over £10,000 is being requested the applicant will need to show how the shortfall will be secured before we can consider a grant, to prevent the ring fencing of funds long term that could be helping others in the present. If home adaptations are needed, the applicant must have checked whether they are eligible for funding from their council.
- b) The applicant will need to check whether the wheelchair service can provide a wheelchair or vouchers towards a wheelchair.
- c) The applicant will need to show that there are no vehicles that do not require an advance payment that would meet their essential needs. They will also need to check whether funding is available from Motability towards an advance payment or adaptations to a Motability vehicle.
- d) The applicant must check whether they are eligible for any government funding - we suggest they contact a specialist advice agency as eligibility is complicated.
- e) Grants will be considered for standard computers, laptops and tablet computers, such as iPads, where the need is directly related to the applicant's MS. The MS Society will not help towards any additional costs of owning a computer (e.g. internet costs, printer costs, insurance) as limited funding prevents any long-term or ongoing funding.
- f) The applicant must be able to show they have taken specialist debt advice and that bankruptcy has been recommended.
- g) Other items that relate to the applicant's MS and meet Individual Support Grant criteria but do not fit other categories.