

Personal Independence Payment Factsheet

From 10 June 2013, Personal Independence Payment (PIP) replaced Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for people aged 16 and over.

A new benefit for those who have served in the armed forces is also being introduced - Armed Forces Independence Payment.

What is Personal Independence Payment?

Personal Independence Payment is a benefit for people aged 16 to 64 with a condition or disability expected to last at least 12 months and those who are terminally ill. It can be claimed by people in or out of work.

There are two components, or parts, of Personal Independence Payment:

Daily Living Component (Care). This is paid if you need help with:

- preparing or eating food
- washing and bathing
- dressing and undressing
- reading
- using the toilet
- communicating
- managing medicines or treatments
- making decisions about money

Mobility Component. This is paid if you need help with:

- getting out/planning a journey
- moving around

What if I am already receiving Disability Living Allowance?

If you are already getting Disability Living Allowance you should not be affected by this new benefit until at least October 2015, unless your condition changes earlier or you reach the end of your existing Disability Living Allowance award. Between October 2015 and 2018 you will be invited to make a claim for Personal Independence Payment. There will be no automatic transfer from Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independence Payment. Everyone will need to make a new claim eventually.

How do I claim Personal Independence Payment?

Claims can be made by phone to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) by you or by somebody helping you. Claims can be made from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

- Telephone: 0800 917 2222
- Textphone: 0800 917 7777

If you need help to claim please call the Council's Advice Hub on 029 2087 1000 / www.cardiff.gov.uk



What information is needed when I phone?

- Contact details and date of birth
- Doctor's or health worker's name
- National Insurance Number
- Bank or building society details
- Details of any time spent abroad or in a care home or hospital

A form will then be sent to you asking how your condition affects you. It is important that you explain how your condition affects you on both good and bad days, and when you are doing different activities, such as walking or preparing food.

How are claims decided?

Depending on your condition you may get paid the daily living component, the mobility component, or both.

To make this decision, the DWP will use the information included with your claim. You may also be invited to meet an independent health professional to explain how your condition affects you. You must tell the DWP straight away if your circumstances change.

How much Personal Independence Payment will be paid?

You will get a standard weekly amount of:

- £53.00 for the Daily Living Component
- £21.00 for the Mobility Component

For severe conditions you will instead be paid an enhanced weekly amount of:

- £79.15 for the Daily Living Component
- £55.25 for the Mobility Component

Personal Independence Payment is usually paid every 4 weeks into a bank account.

How does PIP differ from DLA?

PIP only has two levels of payment for Daily Living Component but DLA had three; the lowest level of DLA Care is no longer awarded.

PIP is awarded based on how your illness affects you and not on what your illness is.

Appeals

If you are not happy with your decision you can ask for it to be looked at again. You must contact the DWP by telephone or in writing, and make it clear why you disagree with the decision. We would strongly recommend that you talk to an advice agency for help to appeal. You can contact the Council's Advice Hub on (029) 2087 1000 for help with this.



Armed Forces Independence Payment

From 8 April 2013 a new benefit called Armed Forces Independence Payment was introduced. This benefit can be paid instead of PIP to help some service personnel and veterans injured as a result of service. Claims are made to the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency on 0800 169 2277.

How to get further information

Further information about Personal Independence Payments - www.gov.uk/pip

Further information about Armed Forces Independence Payment - www.veterans-uk.info

Contact our Financial Inclusion Team on 029 2049 8898 or email FITeam@cadwyn.co.uk

