

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

What is PIP?

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) has been replaced for new claims from April 2013 in our region by a new benefit called Personal Independence (PIP)

At the moment this does not apply to children under the age of 16 or people aged 65 or over.

How does it work?

PIP has two components in the same way as DLA

- Daily Living Component
- Mobility Component

There is a standard and enhanced rate of award for each component.

What are the Criteria?

PIP will use a point's based system to decide if you qualify and if so what rate of award you will get. This will be based on the following areas:

- Preparing food and drink
- Taking nutrition
- Managing therapy or monitoring a health outcome
- Bathing and grooming
- Managing toilet needs or incontinence
- Dressing and undressing
- Communicating
- Engaging socially
- Planning and following a journey
- Moving around

You can get PIP if you are in or out of work. It is not means tested and is not based on National Insurance Contributions.

How do I claim?

To make a claim for PIP ring Freephone **0800 917222** for an application pack. You will be asked for the following information:

- contact details and date of birth
- National Insurance Number
- bank or building society details
- doctor's or health worker's name
- details of any time spent abroad or in a care home or hospital

It may be helpful to seek help with the claim pack from an advice agency such as your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

I am getting DLA at the moment. When will I need to make a claim for PIP?

You will be asked to make a claim if after October 2013:

- There is a change in how your condition affects you
- Your DLA is due to end and you haven't received a renewal letter

Most other people will not be invited to claim PIP until 2015

Information correct at April 2013