



Personal Independence Payment

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) is a benefit for people of working age, who have a long-term health condition or disability. It is paid to help with the extra costs that may be incurred by having a long-term health condition or disability. Entitlement to PIP is not based on your condition but how your condition affects you.

Personal Independence Payment is non-means tested and non-taxable and is payable whether you are in work or not.

There are two components to Personal Independence Payment and each component has two rates:

Mobility Component

- Enhanced Rate £80.00
- Standard Rate £30.30

Daily Living Component

- Enhanced Rate £114.60
- Standard rate £76.70

The amount you actually receive depends on your ability to complete 12 everyday activities.

There are 10 daily living activities and 2 mobility activities. Each activity has a set of descriptors which describe your ability to carry out certain tasks.

Who can apply?

- You must be aged between 16 and State Pension age
- Have a long-term health condition or disability
- Have had these difficulties for 3 months and expect them to last at least a further 9 months

To claim Personal Independence Payment, you can live alone or with other people.

How to apply

There are several stages to claiming Personal Independence Payment.

Note: Those already getting Disability Living Allowance (DLA) will be contacted to ask if they would like to claim Personal Independence Payment.

If you are asked to claim Personal Independence Payment you must make the claim if you want to continue to receive a disability benefit. You cannot choose to stay on DLA.

See <https://www.gov.uk/pip-checker> for more information on:

- If Personal Independence Payment affects you
- When your Disability Living Allowance may be affected
- When you can make a new claim for Personal Independence Payment

Make a claim

To start a claim for Personal Independence Payment contact the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

- Telephone 0800 917 2222
- Textphone 0800 917 7777

Lines are open Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

If you are not able to call yourself, someone else can do this for you provided you are with them. You will be asked to complete an identity check and answer some basic questions. You will then be sent a form called "How your disability affects you"

Once you have completed the “How your disability affects you” form, return it to the address given along with any supporting evidence you think will support your claim.

Assessment

Your claim details, form and supporting evidence are passed to a health professional who will review the claim against the activities and their descriptors. Most people will be required to attend a face-to-face consultation.

Decision

A DWP decision maker will look at the information supplied on the claim form, the medical assessment report and anything else that has been provided. You will be sent a letter with their decision about the level and length of Personal Independence Payment you will be awarded. The level of your award will be regularly reviewed.

What if your needs have changed?

If there is a change in your daily living or mobility needs and you have an existing award of Personal Independence Payment you can ask for the award to be reviewed. It is advisable to seek advice first prior to requesting a review to discuss how your award could be affected.

If you are refused Personal Independence Payment

If you are refused an award of Personal Independence Payment, or if you are not happy with the level you have been awarded, you can ask for this to be reconsidered. You can request this verbally over the phone or in writing. This is called a ‘mandatory reconsideration’ and must be requested within 1 calendar month of receiving the decision notice.

See our ‘Challenging a benefits decision’ factsheet for further information and advice on this.

People who are terminally ill

People who are terminally ill (with a prognosis of less than one year) automatically get the enhanced rate of the daily living component if they apply under Special Rules. The Mobility Component can be considered if the conditions are satisfied.

If a person meets the criteria for claiming under Special Rules they will:

- Not have to complete the “How your disability affects you form”
- Not have to attend a face to face consultation
- Have their claim dealt with quickly

If you need further advice on claiming Personal Independence Payment, you can contact Nottinghamshire County Council for more information using the details provided below.

Contact information:

Phone: 0300 500 80 80

Monday - Friday, opening times may vary.

Calls are charged at local rate.

Email: enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk

Website: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Phone 0300 500 80 80 if you need the information in a different language or format.

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