

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

This is a disability benefit that has replaced DLA (Disability Living Allowance) for 16-64 year olds living in the UK.

If you currently get DLA and are 16-64 you will be invited at some point to claim PIP – even if you were given an indefinite award in the past. All new applicants in this age range will claim for PIP.

The payment is to help with some of the extra costs caused by a long-term ill-health, a disability that affects your mobility or your ability to do activities associated with daily living (such as washing, dressing, cooking etc.).

You can claim this benefit regardless of your employment status or your financial situation.

If you think that you might be entitled to claim PIP, phone the DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) free on 0800 9172222 and they will

send you a 'How Your Condition Affects You' form. Once this is returned you will get invited for an assessment, normally face-to-face, with an independent healthcare professional. A decision is then made on you PIP claim. For more information please visit www.gov.uk/pip/overview

There are lots of useful links on the process and what your options are if you are not successful.

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/sick-or-disabled-people-and-carers/pip/>

<http://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/personal-independence-payment-pip>

The process can be very lengthy. Please contact our Patient and Family Support Worker if you would like more information or support with the process.