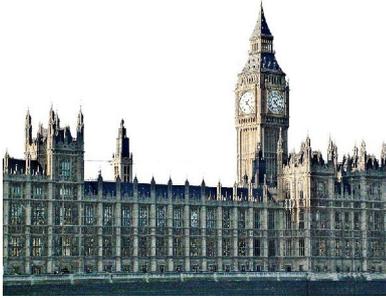


This fact sheet is about the Personal Independence Payment or PIP. PIP is replacing Disability Living Allowance (DLA). DLA is a benefit that lots of people with a learning disability get, so this change is important for people with a learning disability to know about.

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## What is PIP?

The Government is bringing in a new benefit called the Personal Independence Payment (PIP). This will replace Disability Living Allowance (DLA).

If someone has a disability or a health condition, they often need more money to pay for things.

For example: they might not to be able to travel on public transport and need to get a taxi instead. This costs more money. This means they have "extra costs".

DLA is to help disabled people pay for their "extra costs". PIP will also be for this.



## Why is the Government replacing DLA?

The Government said that they are replacing DLA with PIP because the amount of money being spent on DLA is too much and is getting bigger.

They also said that PIP will be better than DLA at looking at the effect of someone's disability or health condition has on their daily life.



## Who can apply for PIP?

PIP is for disabled people or people with a health condition who are aged between 16 and 64.

People will have to apply for PIP. They will have an assessment to see if they can have the benefit.



What will PIP be like?

There are two parts to PIP.

The first part is called Daily Living. This part looks at if someone needs help and support to carry out daily activities. For example, things like getting dressed, preparing food or managing money.

If you get this part of PIP it means you have been assessed as having extra costs to do with carrying out daily activities.

The second part is called Mobility. This part looks at if you need help and support to get around. For example, you might need someone to travel with you.

If you get this part of PIP it means you have been assessed as having extra costs with your mobility because of your disability.



How do you apply for PIP?

If you want to apply for PIP you will need to contact the Department for Work and Pensions and tell them you want to make a claim for PIP.

After that you will be sent a form to fill in.

Most people will also have to see a health worker. A health worker is someone like a nurse. The health worker will talk to the person about their disability and how it affects them.



How much money is PIP?

The two parts of PIP will each have two rates (a rate is the level of money you will receive).

The two rates are called the standard rate and the enhanced rate. The enhanced rate is the higher rate so people will get more money for this rate.

The standard rate will be £53 per week for the Daily Living part of PIP. The enhanced rate will be £79.15 per week for the Daily Living part of PIP.

The standard rate will be £21 per week for the Mobility part of PIP. The enhanced rate will be £55.25 per week for the Mobility part of PIP.



How do people apply for PIP?

PIP started in June 2013 for people making a new claim.

From October 2013, the Government will start to get in touch with people who get Disability Living Allowance (DLA). They will ask them if they want to make a claim for Personal Independence Payment (PIP) instead. This will go on until May 2018.

The first people to be contacted will be:

- People who get Disability Living Allowance which is about to finish and needs looking at again.
- Young people who are turning 16.
- People who get Disability Living Allowance and they tell the Government that their needs have changed.

People with a lifetime award for DLA will not start to be contacted about PIP until October 2015.

Lots of people with a learning disability have a lifetime award.



What does Mencap think about PIP?

The Government has said that it thinks about 600,000 fewer people will get PIP than DLA by 2018.

Mencap is very worried about what this will mean for people with a learning disability.

The Government has said that it is important to give money to people who need the most support.

Mencap is worried about what this means for people who don't need as much support.

Mencap does not want to see people miss out on support and be forced to cover the extra costs of their disability on their own.

Mencap thinks this might make it harder to people with a learning disability to live independently.

Mencap knows that many people with a learning disability, and other disabled people don't have much money. If they lose their DLA this will make their lives much worse.

Mencap is talking to the Government about the support that people with a learning disability need.

You can get more information and advice about the Personal Independence Payment (PIP) from Mencap's helpline on 0808 808 1111 or by e-mail at [help@mencap.org.uk](mailto:help@mencap.org.uk)