

## PIP – FACTSHEET NO.13

### WHAT IS PIP?

PIP (Personal Independence Payment) is a benefit which is payable to people with disabilities and long term health conditions. It replaced Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for people aged between 16 and 64, people on a fixed term award of DLA, and first time applicants.

### SHOULD I APPLY?

If you are aged between 16 and 64, and have an illness or disability which means that you need help with daily living activities (e.g. bathing, cooking, dressing etc), communicating with other people, or mobility and getting around, then you should apply for PIP.

### I AM UNDER 16/OVER 65. SHOULD I APPLY?

No. DLA will continue for people who are under 16 or over 65 on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013. If you are under 16, the DWP will contact you when you need to apply for PIP.

### I CURRENTLY RECEIVE DLA. HOW DO I CLAIM PIP?

If you currently receive DLA, you do not need to take any action until the DWP writes to you to let you know that it is time to apply for PIP. If you have an indefinite award of DLA, you will be unaffected until at least July 2015.

### I AM NOT ON DLA. HOW DO I CLAIM PIP?

If you are a new claimant, you will need to call the DWP on 0800 917 2222 to make your application. They will ask you a series of questions, most notably:

- Name and address
- Name and address of your GP
- National Insurance number
- Details of your disability/illness

If you are eligible, you will be sent an application form which you have one month to complete and return. This form will mainly consist of questions about daily living activities and mobility/getting around.

## HOW MUCH COULD I BE PAID?

PIP is made up of 2 components (parts). Whether you get one or both of these depends on how your condition affects you.

### Daily living component

Standard rate	£55.10 per week
Enhanced rate	£82.30 per week

### Mobility component

Standard rate	£21.80 per week
Enhanced rate	£57.45 per week

\*Figures for April 2015 – April 2016

## I HAVE A JOB. CAN I STILL APPLY FOR PIP?

Yes. Like DLA, PIP can be paid to you whether or not you are working. It is not means tested, and not taxable.

## ARE THERE ANY OTHER BENEFITS OF APPLYING FOR PIP?

Yes. Depending on the rate of PIP you are awarded, you may also be eligible for:

- A Blue Badge
- Motability scheme
- Concessionary travel passes
- If you have a carer and you are awarded either rate of care component, your carer will be entitled to claim Carer's Allowance, or, if they already receive CA, they will continue to do so.
- Severe Disability Premium

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Department for Work and Pensions PIP information can be found here: [www.gov.uk/pip](http://www.gov.uk/pip)

If you would like further information or advice about claiming PIP, or would like help completing the form, please call DASH on 0208 848 8319, and ask to speak to Simon.