

Disability Living Allowance is ending...

Important information if you currently get DLA

DLA is ending for most people. A new benefit called Personal Independence Payment (PIP) has been introduced to help with extra costs if you have a long-term health condition or disability.

Between now and September 2017 DWP will write to everyone who was aged 16 to 64 on 8 April 2013 (the day PIP was introduced) to tell them that their DLA is ending. Look out for a letter from DWP.

You don't need to do anything until you hear from us.

PIP is different to DLA and you will need to decide if you want to claim PIP before your DLA ends. You can't choose to stay on DLA. If you decide not to make a claim to PIP when we contact you, your DLA will stop. You can't get DLA and PIP at the same time and you won't be automatically moved from DLA to PIP.

Will this change affect everyone?

DLA is ending for people who were aged 16 to 64 on 8 April 2013 (the day PIP was introduced). It is also ending for people who turn 16 after this date. If you were born before 8 April 1948 you won't be affected by this change and you will continue to receive DLA.

When will my DLA end?

Between now and September 2017 DWP will write to everyone who is affected. We'll tell you that your DLA is going to stop and give you information to help you decide if you want to claim PIP.

What do I need to do?

You don't need to contact us until you get a letter from us, unless you need to update your contact details or there is a change in how your illness or disability affects you.

For these changes you should contact the DLA Helpline. Contact details can be found at www.gov.uk/disability-benefits-helpline

When we do write to you, please don't ignore your letter. If you don't take any action your DLA will stop. Other benefits and services such as access to the Motability scheme, Blue Badge or concessionary travel passes and Carer's Allowance will be affected if you decide not to claim PIP. You will also be affected if you claim and don't get PIP or you receive a rate of PIP that means you don't qualify for certain services or benefits.

What will happen if I claim PIP?

If you claim PIP, we will ask an independent health professional to look at how your disability or health condition affects your daily life. They may ask you to attend a face to face consultation, or ask your health or social care professional(s) to provide information.

Will my money change?

The rates for PIP are different to DLA. We can't tell you if you'll get PIP, or exactly how much you'll get, until you've completed your claim. However, you can find out the current rates of PIP at www.gov.uk/pip/what-youll-get



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To get more help

If you need help to decide about claiming PIP you can talk to your carer, your family or friends. There's more information about Personal Independence Payment on www.gov.uk/pip

You could also contact a local support organisation who can provide independent help and support. You can find their details online, your local library or telephone directory.