

Disability Living Allowance is ending...

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is ending for most people.

Between now and September 2017 we 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 us. If you were born before 8 April 1948 you'll carry on getting DLA.

The letter will also tell you about Personal Independence Payment (PIP). This is a benefit you may be able to claim to help with extra costs, if you have a long-term health condition or disability.

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

We will: Send a letter to you – You will get a letter from us telling you that your DLA is going to stop. This letter will give you information to help you decide if you want to claim Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

You'll need to: Tell us if you want to claim PIP – When you get your letter you'll need to let us know within four weeks if you want to claim PIP. In the meantime find out more about PIP at www.gov.uk/pip

You'll need to: Make a PIP claim – If you make a PIP claim, you'll need to provide information about how your health condition or disability affects you. We will ask an independent health professional to look at how your disability or health condition affects your daily life. We do this to make sure you get the right level of support.

We will: Tell you if you'll get PIP and how much you'll get – We will make a decision about whether you will get PIP, based on your assessment and any evidence you give us. If you do get PIP, you could get more than, the same as or less than your DLA.

What to do next

Please tell us if any of your contact details have changed. If we don't have your current address, you could miss out on your letter.

You don't need to do anything else until we write to you, unless there's a change in how your illness or disability affects you. If something changes, visit www.gov.uk/disability-benefits-helpline to find out how to tell us.

Getting more information

One thing you could do is start to find out more about PIP. That way you can let us know if you want to claim or not as soon as our letter arrives. You might want to talk with your carer, your family or friends to help you decide. There's more information about PIP 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.



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