

Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independence Payment

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12 points needed for Enhanced Rate Mobility eg for Motability

Can stand and then move more than 200 metres, either aided or unaided **0 pts**

Can stand and then move more than 50 metres but no more than 200 metres, either aided or unaided **4 pts**

Can stand and then move unaided more than 20 metres but no more than 50 metres **8 pts**

Can stand and then move using an aid or appliance more than 20 metres but no more than 50 metres (For example, this would include people who can stand and move more than 20 metres but no further than 50 metres, but need to use an aid or appliance such as a stick or crutch to do so) **10 pts**

Can stand and then move more than 1 metre but no more than 20 metres, either aided or unaided **12 pts**

Cannot, either aided or unaided – i. stand; or ii. move more than 1 metre **12 pts**

[New Mobility PIP criteria + points, pages 74 to 75](#)

The number of people receiving enhanced rate Mobility PIP will be 51,000 lower under final draft than under 2nd draft [according to DWP \(p.52\)](#)

DWP Case Study For Young Person Transition from DLA Glosses Over Problems

"John was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy at the age of 8 and has been using a powered wheelchair since the age of 12. He is now 15, attends mainstream school and is looking forward to

going to Sixth Form College when he is 16. He was in receipt of the middle rate care component and highest rate mobility component of DLA.

When John was aged 15 years and 7 months his mother received a letter from DWP advising her that John's DLA was going to end when he reached 16 and that he would be able to make a claim to Personal Independence Payment in his own right. John's mother was also asked to return to DWP a "intent to claim" form for PIP and confirmation that John would or would not need an appointee when he reached 16.

As John's mother had returned the "intent to claim" form in good time DWP were able to issue an invitation to claim Personal Independence Payment to John on his 16th birthday and ensure that his DLA continued in payment until John's claim had been processed. John claimed immediately and provided details of all the people who helped him, including his school, to DWP.

Once the claim for Personal Independence Payment was received by DWP it was passed to an independent assessor who decided he would like some more information. John was asked to go to a face-to-face consultation with the assessor to discuss his circumstances in more detail and decided to take his mother with him as well. John was able to tell the assessor how his condition affected him on a day to day basis.

Following the consultation John received a letter from DWP saying that he was entitled to the enhanced rate for both the daily living component and the mobility component. John was delighted as this meant that he could start taking driving lessons at age 16 and could consider getting a car under the Motability scheme when he had passed his test. Having a car would mean he could travel independently to his Sixth Form College." <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/pip-detailed-design-consultation.pdf>

*"John meets the criteria for PIP **and** the criteria for DLA, so his claim for PIP - which is represented as a transition but is in fact a completely separate claim with different eligibility criteria - does not give rise to any problems. **The decision over whether to call John for a face to face assessment is disingenuously presented as though it could have gone either way but this is misleading since face to face assessments will be the norm. We are told there will be winners and losers yet the random case study happens to be a winner"** Read more [here](#)*

Rising-16s First Face to Face Assessment For PIP?

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) is being introduced on April 8th 2013 for **new claims** in the area covered by **Bootle Benefits Centre** ie Cheshire, Cumbria, Merseyside, North East England and North West England, known as '[the controlled start area](#)'. Postcodes affected are CA, CH (except CH5, CH6, CH7 and CH8), LA (except LA27, LA28, LA62 and LA63), CW, FY, L, PR, WA, WN, BL, DH, DL (except DL6, DL7, DL8, DL9, DL10 and DL11), M, NE, SR, and TS (except TS9). PIP Regulations were published on December 13th 2012. (See [Useful Links](#) below)

[DWP told the Work and Pensions Committee](#) in May 2012 "it is anticipated that this controlled start will generate around 5000 new claims per month". It appears that new claims will include **rising 16 year olds** currently in receipt of DLA who would otherwise have made a claim for DLA as an adult. DWP will contact the guardian of a child on DLA before they reach aged 16 to help them understand what action they should take to claim PIP. DWP says "we believe that a face-to-face consultation with a trained independent assessor should be a key part of the assessment process for most individuals."

Young people age 16+ who have **already** been awarded DLA by the cut-off point will be treated as existing claimants; it is only rising 16s who will be treated as new claimants after the cut-off point. In other words, young people age 16 in the Bootle Benefits Centre area who have **already** started to receive adult DLA by April 8th 2013 may continue to receive DLA - providing their circumstances do not change and that their award does not expire - until October 2015.

In 2012 I wrote to DWP and asked for the number of 15 year olds claiming DLA in each of the parliamentary constituencies which would be affected by the early roll-out of PIP. (Current figures may vary slightly from November 2011 quoted below, and it should be noted that caseload figures are rounded to the nearest 10.) I have written to DWP again asking specifically whether rising-16s will have to claim PIP rather than DLA from April/October 2013.

Number of 15 yr olds Claiming DLA in Controlled Start Area (DWP FOI)

[Barrow and Furness](#) 70
[Berwick Upon Tweed](#) 60
[Birkenhead](#) 90
[Blackpool North and Cleveleys](#) 40
[Blackpool South](#) 70
[Blaydon](#) 50
[Blyth Valley](#) 60
[Bootle](#) 70
[Carlisle](#) 50
[Chorley](#)
[City of Chester](#) 40
[Congleton](#) 40
[Copeland](#) 40
[Crewe and Nantwich](#) 50
[Eddisbury](#) 60
[Ellesmere Port and Neston](#) 50
[Fylde](#) 30
[Garston and Halewood](#) 60
[Gateshead](#) 40
[Hexham](#) 30
[Houghton and Sunderland South](#) 60
[Jarrow](#) 40
[Knowsley](#) 80
[Lancaster and Fleetwood](#) 30
[Liverpool Riverside](#) 50
[Liverpool Walton](#) 90
[Liverpool Wavertree](#) 60
[Liverpool West Derby](#) 60
[Macclesfield](#) 40
[Newcastle East](#) 50
[North Tyneside](#) 50
[Penrith and The Border](#) 30
[Preston](#) 60
[Ribble Valley](#)
[Sefton Central](#) 50
[South Shields](#) 50
[Southport](#) 40
[St Helens North](#) 40
[St Helens South and Whiston](#) 50
[Stockton North](#)
[Stockton South](#)
[Sunderland Central](#) 40
[Tatton](#) 30
[Tynemouth](#) 50
[Wallasey](#) 90
[Wansbeck](#) 60
[Washington and Sunderland West](#) 60
[Weaver Vale](#) 50
[Westmorland and Lonsdale](#) 40
[Wirral South](#) 40
[Wirral West](#) 40

[Workington](#) 40
[Wyre and Preston North](#)

Source: DWP Information Governance and Security Directorate: Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (FOI)

See also http://83.244.183.180/100pc/dla/tabtool_dla.html to generate further statistics related to DLA.

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If you have any questions about PIP they should be addressed to: **PIP.FEEDBACK@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK**

Further Information About PIP

<http://www.cafamily.org.uk/know-your-rights/benefits-and-tax-credits/personal-independence-e-payment/>
<https://www.gov.uk/pip-checker>

After the controlled start outlined above, the remainder of new claims to PIP in the rest of the country will take place from June 2013. Existing DLA claimants were originally going to be contacted between October 2013 and March 2016 and invited to make a PIP claim - which would involve an assessment - but the vast majority of these assessment will now not be made before October 2015. This is to allow time for an independent review of the first phase of the change to be carried out in 2014. Children will only claim DLA until they are aged 16. DWP will contact the guardian of a child on DLA before they reach 16 to help them understand what action they should take. There are no automatic entitlements to PIP. If PIP is not awarded existing DLA claimants cannot keep DLA as an alternative. From October 2013, anyone with a fixed period DLA award coming up for renewal, young people turning 16 or DLA claimants with an indefinite award reporting a change in their condition, will be reassessed for PIP. Online claims should be available from Spring 2014. If an existing DLA claimant decides to claim PIP then DLA will continue to be paid until a decision on entitlement to PIP is made.

PIP Rates

Daily Living Enhanced Rate = £79.15

Daily Living Standard Rate = £53.00

Mobility Enhanced Rate = £55.25

Mobility Standard Rate = £21.00

There are 3 parts to a claim to PIP. In the first part which DWP can take over the phone, a claimant will be asked basic questions to identify them and establish their desire to claim PIP.

The second part is a paper form which allows the claimant to explain in more detail how their condition, disability or ill health affects their daily life and asks questions about each of the assessment criteria as well as leaving space for any other information a claimant wants to include. Any evidence from professionals who support a claimant, for example a GP, can be sent with this claim form.

The third part of the claim is a face to face assessment; DWP says "we believe that a face-to-face consultation with a trained independent assessor should be a key part of the assessment process for most individuals. This will allow an in-depth look at their circumstances and will give individuals the opportunity to put across their own views of the impact of their impairment on their everyday lives."

[DWP told the Work and Pensions Committee](#) in May 2012 "the Department will ensure that throughout the initial and ongoing implementation of Personal Independence Payment there will be continuous and thorough monitoring of all aspects of the claims process, including the assessment."

The above information was taken from <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/pip-adviser-presentation-speakers-brief.pdf> and <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/pip-quick-guide.pdf> and [Maria Miller's letter to Ian Mearns MP, July 2012M](#)

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/m-10-13.pdf> HOSPITAL IN-PATIENTS AND MOTABILITY AGREEMENTS. DWP Decision Makers Guide, coming into force April 2013. See also <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/publications/specialist-guides/decision-makers-guide/#new> DWP new Decision Makers Guides.

Significantly Slower Migration For Existing Adult Claimants

"Compared to the high level assessment strategy published in March 2012 and on which we consulted earlier this year, we will be undertaking a significantly slower migration profile. This means that we can take the time to learn from the early introduction of PIP – for example, we will be able to consider the findings of our first independent review to Parliament on the operation of the PIP assessment, which we intend to complete by the end of 2014. The peak period of reassessments will now not start until October 2015 - around two years later - which means we have more time to ensure that the assessment is working as intended and that it is meeting individual needs."

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/pip-reassessments-and-impacts.pdf>

Useful Links

<http://www.gov.uk/pip>

<http://wearespartacus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/wearespartacus-pip-submission-30-4-12.pdf>

<http://edyourself.org/articles/PIPconsultation.php>

<http://www.autism.org.uk/living-with-autism/benefits-and-community-care/care-and-benefits-for-adults-with-an-asd/abolition-of-adult-dla.aspx>

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/disability/personal-independence-payment/information-for-ad>

[visers/](#)

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/welfare-reform/legislation-and-key-documents/welfare-reform-act-2012/welfare-reform-regulations/>

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2013/9780111532072/contents> PIP Regulations 2013

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/pip-draft-transitional-regulations.pdf> Personal Independence Payment (Transitional Provisions) Regulations

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/pip-reassessments-and-impacts.pdf> Delayed Implementation Schedule for Existing Claims, published December 13th 2012

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/disability/personal-independence-payment/> Department of Work and Pensions Personal Independence Payment web page

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2012/pip-detailed-design.shtml> DLA reform and Personal Independence Payment – completing the detailed design: DWP consultation response December 2012

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2012/pip.shtml> Personal Independence Payment: assessment thresholds and consultation: DWP consultation response December 2012

<http://janeyoung.me.uk/2012/12/14/well-over-100000-to-lose-motability-vehicles-under-draconian-new-rules/>

<http://loopys-rollingwiththepunches.blogspot.co.uk/2012/12/pip-mobile-disaster.html>

<http://autistickidsgrowup.wordpress.com/2013/02/20/drafting-the-s139a-learning-difficulty-assessment-lda-for-16-25-year-olds/>

<http://celticknot.org.uk/dir/KM/> RAS + entitlement in adult social care

<http://www.cpag.org.uk/bookshop/wbtch> Child Poverty Action Group Welfare Handbook 2013-14