

## Personal Independence Payment - The basics

**PIP** is based on *the degree to which individuals are able to participate in society, not their health condition or impairment.*

### For new PIP claims

- there is a **three (3) month qualifying period** ( the period during which you have had a health condition or disability)
- the disability must be expected to last for a further **nine (9) months (the “prospective test”)**

### PIP is

- **not means tested**
- **not taxable**
- **payable both in and out of work**

Awards are made up of one or both of **daily living** and **mobility** components.

A person with a terminal illness will be fast tracked on to a guaranteed payment of the enhanced rate of the Daily Living component

### For new PIP claimants

New claims: 0800 917 2222  
Text phone: 0800 917 7777  
General Enquiries: 0845 850 3322  
Textphone: 0845 601 6677

Example forms and information at –

- <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/disability/personal-independence-payment/pip-toolkit/about-pip/forms.shtml>

### For those already on DLA

DLA will end for everyone of **working age - aged 16 to 64** - even indefinite awards – they will be invited to claim Personal Independence Payment

The roll out has started in **LA** postcodes.

To help DLA claimants clarify **if and when** the introduction of PIP will affect them, an online tool is available @

<https://www.gov.uk/pip-checker>

### PIP rates April 2014

Component	standard	enhanced
Daily living	<b>£54.45</b>	<b>£81.30</b>
Mobility	<b>£21.55</b>	<b>£56.75</b>

### DLA rates April 2014

Component	low	middle	high
Care	<b>£21.55</b>	<b>£54.45</b>	<b>£81.30</b>
Mobility	<b>£21.55</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>£56.75</b>

### What remains

- New and existing claims to **DLA for children under 16**
- DLA for people aged 65 and over **already receiving it**
- New and existing claims to **AA**

More benefit tools on the website:

<http://advicelink.weebly.com>

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