



WELFARE RIGHTS UNIT INFORMATION SHEET

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

From April 2022

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) replaced Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for working age people for **all** new claims since June 2013.

It consists of two components; a daily living component and a mobility component and both components have two rates, a standard rate and an enhanced rate. Eligibility is decided on a point's basis. The rates are as follows:

Daily Living Component -	Enhanced Rate £92.40 week
	Standard Rate £61.85 week
Mobility Component -	Enhanced Rate £64.50 week
	Standard Rate £24.45 week

The rules

To get PIP the claimant must:

- Be aged 16-state pension age
- Satisfy the daily living and/or mobility activities test for 3 months prior to the claim and likely to continue to satisfy the test for a further 9 months (However, claimants who are terminally ill and the prognosis is that they are likely to die within 6 months do not have to meet this test for the daily living component)
- Pass the residence and presence test and have been in Great Britain for at least 104 in the last 156 weeks
- Pass the habitual residence test.

Those claimants who claim PIP before state pension age will continue on PIP, those whose care needs arise after state pension age can claim Attendance Allowance. PIP can be claimed by people in and out of work.

The Daily Living Component

To be eligible for the standard rate the claimant must be awarded 8 points, and for the enhanced rate they must be awarded 12 points.

The points system is as follows:

Activity 1 – Preparing food and drink

- a. Can prepare and cook a simple meal unaided – 0 points

- b. Needs to use an aid or appliance to either prepare or cook a simple meal – 2 points
- c. Cannot cook a simple meal using a conventional cooker but is able to do so using a microwave – 2 points
- d. Needs prompting to be able to either prepare or cook a simple meal – 2 points
- e. Needs supervision or assistance to either prepare or cook a simple meal – 4 points
- f. Cannot prepare and cook food – 8 points

Activity 2 – Taking nutrition

- a. Can take nutrition unaided – 0 points
- b. Needs either i) to use an aid or appliance to be able to take nutrition; or ii) supervision to be able to take nutrition; or iii) assistance to be able to cut up food – 2 points
- c. Needs a therapeutic source to be able to take nutrition – 2 points
- d. Needs prompting to be able to take nutrition – 4 points
- e. Needs assistance to be able to manage a therapeutic source to take nutrition – 6 points
- f. Cannot convey food and drink to their mouth and needs another person to do so – 10 points

Activity 3 – Managing therapy or monitoring a health condition

- a. Either i) Does not receive medication, or therapy or need to monitor a health condition; or ii) can manage medication or therapy or monitor a health condition unaided – 0 points
- b. Needs either i) to use an aid or appliance to be able to manage medication; or ii) supervision, prompting or assistance to manage medication or monitor a health condition – 1 point
- c. Needs supervision, prompting or assistance to be able to manage therapy that takes no more than 3.5 hours a week – 2 points
- d. Needs supervision, prompting or assistance to be able to manage therapy that takes more than 3.5 but no more than 7 hours a week – 4 points
- e. Needs supervision, prompting or assistance to be able to manage therapy that takes more than 7 but no more than 14 hours a week – 6 points
- f. Needs supervision, prompting or assistance to be able to manage therapy that takes more than 14 hours a week – 8 points

Activity 4 – Washing and bathing

- a. Can wash and bathe unaided – 0 points
- b. Needs to use an aid or appliance to be able to wash or bathe – 2 points
- c. Needs supervision or prompting to be able to wash or bathe – 2 points
- d. Needs assistance to be able to wash either their hair or body below the waist – 2 points
- e. Needs assistance to be able to get in or out of a bath or shower – 3 points
- f. Needs assistance to be able to wash their body between the shoulders and waist – 4 points
- g. Cannot wash and bathe at all and needs another person to wash their entire body – 8 points

Activity 5 – Managing toilet needs or incontinence

- a. Can manage toilet needs or incontinence unaided – 0 points
- b. Needs to use an aid or appliance to be able to manage toilet needs or incontinence – 2 points
- c. Needs supervision or prompting to be able to manage toilet needs – 2 points
- d. Needs assistance to be able to manage toilet needs – 4 points
- e. Needs assistance to be able to manage incontinence of either bladder or bowel – 6 points
- f. Needs assistance to be able to manage incontinence of both bladder and bowel – 8 points

Activity 6 – Dressing and undressing

- a. Can dress and undress unaided – 0 points
- b. Needs to use an aid or appliance to be able to dress or undress – 2 points
- c. Needs either i) prompting to be able to dress, undress or determine appropriate circumstances for remaining clothed; or ii) prompting or assistance to be able to select appropriate clothing – 2 points
- d. Needs assistance to be able to dress or undress their lower body – 2 points
- e. Needs assistance to be able to dress or undress their upper body – 4 points
- f. Cannot dress or undress at all – 8 points

Activity 7 – Communicating

- a. Can express and understand verbal information unaided – 0 points
- b. Needs to use an aid or appliance to be able to speak or hear – 2 points
- c. Needs communication support to be able to express or understand complex verbal information – 4 points
- d. Needs communication support to be able to express or understand basic verbal information – 8 points
- e. Cannot express or understand verbal information at all even with communication support – 12 points

Activity 8 – Reading and understanding signs, symbols and words

- a. Can read and understand basic and complex written information either unaided or using spectacles or contact lenses – 0 points
- b. Needs to use an aid or appliance, other than spectacles or contact lenses, to be able to read or understand either basic or complex written information – 2 points
- c. Needs prompting to be able to read or understand complex written information – 2 points
- d. Needs prompting to be able to read or understand basic written information – 4 points
- e. Cannot read or understand signs, symbols or words at all – 8 points

Activity 9 – Engaging with other people face to face

- a. Can engage with other people unaided – 0 points
- b. Needs prompting to be able to engage with other people – 2 points
- c. Needs social support to be able to engage other people – 4 points

- d. Cannot engage with other people due to such engagement causing either i) overwhelming psychological distress to the claimant; or ii) the claimant to exhibit behaviour which would result in a substantial risk of harm to the claimant or another person – 8 points

Activity 10 – Making financial decisions

- a. Can manage complex budgeting decisions unaided – 0 points
- b. Needs prompting or assistance to be able to make complex budgeting decisions – 2 points
- c. Needs prompting or assistance to be able to make simple budgeting decisions – 4 points
- d. Cannot make any budgeting decisions at all – 6 points

The Mobility Component

To be eligible for the standard rate a claimant must be awarded 8 points and, to get the enhanced rate 12 points.

Activity 1 – Planning and following a journey

- a. Can plan and follow the route of a journey unaided – 0 points
- b. Needs prompting to be able to undertake any journey to avoid overwhelming psychological distress to the claimant – 4 points
- c. Cannot plan the route of a journey – 8 points
- d. Cannot follow the route of an unfamiliar journey without another person, assistance dog or orientation aid – 10 points
- e. Cannot undertake any journey because it would cause overwhelming psychological distress to the claimant – 10 points
- f. Cannot follow the route of a familiar journey without another person, an assistance dog or an orientation aid – 12 points

Activity 2 – Moving around

- a. Can stand and then move more than 200 metres either aided or unaided – 0 points
- b. Can stand and then move more than 50 metres but no more than 200 metres either aided or unaided – 4 points
- c. Can stand and then move unaided more than 20 metres but no more than 50 metres – 8 points
- d. Can stand and then move using an aid or appliance more than 20 metres but no more than 50 metres – 10 points
- e. Can stand and then move more than 1 metre but no more than 20 metres, either aided or unaided – 12 points
- f. Cannot, either aided or unaided, i) stand; or ii) move more than 1 metre -12 points

Claimants, who meet the qualifying conditions, will be entitled to the Mobility Component if they are in a care home.

Most claimants will be asked to attend a face-to-face consultation with an independent healthcare professional, who will look at the claim and any medical

evidence provided, and go through the descriptors before advising the Department for Work and Pensions decision maker. The decision maker is the person who actually decides entitlement.

PIP and DLA

Those claimants who currently receive DLA will be 'invited' to claim PIP unless they were 65 before 8 April 2013, in which case they will continue to receive DLA for as long as they meet the conditions. Even if a claimant does not meet the criteria for PIP they will not be allowed to continue to claim DLA.

PIP and other benefits

Both daily living components of PIP will act as a passport to Carer's Allowance. However, only the enhanced mobility component will passport people to the Motability Scheme or to exemption from Vehicle Excise Duty. Blue Badges can automatically be awarded to those claimants who have been awarded 8 or more points for the 'moving around' mobility component.

Armed Forces

People who are in, or have been in the armed forces, will get the Armed Forces Independence Payment (AFIP) instead of PIP.

- **Personal Independence Payment-**
Claim Line: 0800 917 2222 {Textphone: 0800 917 7777}
Enquiry Line: 0800 121 4433

ADVICE & HELP

London Borough of Havering

Welfare Rights Unit

Advice Line

Leave your name and phone number. We'll then call you to discuss your benefit issue.

01708 434444

Email WelfareRightsUnit@haverling.gov.uk

Citizen's Advice Haverling

Telephone Advice

Local Number - 0300 330 2179

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 10 am - 12:30 pm

Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm

Thursday 1 pm - 3:30 pm

Email Advice

On the website, click on the Email Advice button and selecting the area you would like advice on

www.haveringcab.org

Face-to-face (appointment only)

You can book 30 minute appointments at the local hubs at Harold Hill and Rainham
- with the following links;

https://bit.ly/Book_CitizensAdvice_HaroldHill

https://bit.ly/Book_CitizensAdvice_RainhamLibrary

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