



WELFARE AWARE

UNDERSTANDING AND PREPARING FOR CHANGE

DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE and PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENTS

What is happening to DLA?

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is being phased out.
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP) is the new disability benefit and was introduced in April 2013.

What is PIP?

- PIP is for people aged 16-64 years who need financial support to manage needs relating to a disability or long term illness.
- PIP will be made up of two components with two rates:
 - Daily Living component
 - Mobility component

I get DLA now, when will this apply to me?

- Current DLA claimants who have a significant change in health condition or who have a time limited claim that will end will have to claim PIP instead.
- Other DLA claimants will be told that they will have to claim PIP instead sometime from 2015 onwards

- PIP will have different eligibility criteria to DLA, so you will have to meet that criteria to be eligible for PIP.
- There is no automatic transfer from DLA to PIP so people must make a new application for PIP
- Most people will need to have a face to face assessment with a health professional.
- If it is decided that you are not eligible for PIP you will also no longer be entitled to DLA.
- Page 11 of the PIP form states that people living in hostels will not 'usually' be eligible for the daily living part of PIP, this is incorrect. There is nothing in the regulations to suggest this is the case.

What if I am over 65 and currently receive DLA or Attendance Allowance?

- If you are aged 65 or over on the day that PIP is introduced in April 2013, and receive DLA or Attendance Allowance, your benefit will not change.

Need more help?

Have a benefits 'check-up' to make sure that you are claiming the right benefits.

Talk to Citizens Advice for information on benefits, debt and money management
Tel: 08444 111 444 (England)
www.citizensadvice.org.uk

WHAT?

DLA is being phased out; PIP is the new assistance for disability.

WHEN?

New claims for PIP started in April 2013, current DLA claimants will mostly come off DLA after October 2015

HOW?

There's a new application process and medical assessment for new claims and for people coming off DLA.

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