



Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Guide



What is PIP?

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) is a benefit that supports individuals aged 16 and over who have a long-term health condition or disability affecting their daily living or mobility. It helps cover the extra costs associated with these challenges. If your child has moved from Disability Living Allowance (DLA) to PIP and requires long-term ventilation, they may be eligible to receive PIP for their care and mobility needs.

Who Can Claim PIP?

Your child may be eligible for PIP if they meet the following criteria:

- **Age Requirement:** They are 16 years or older and have difficulty with daily activities or mobility.
- **Health Condition:** They have a long-term health condition or disability, such as needing ventilation support, that has lasted at least 3 months and is expected to continue for at least another 9 months.
- **Residency and Immigration:** They meet the UK residence and immigration status requirements.



PIP Components

Care

Mobility

PIP is split into two components:

Your child may qualify for one or both, depending on their specific needs.



Daily Living Component

Mobility Component



The Daily Living Component of PIP supports individuals who need assistance with essential daily tasks.

This includes help with managing medical treatments, such as ventilation equipment, as well as personal care activities like eating, dressing, washing, and maintaining personal hygiene.

The Mobility Component of PIP supports individuals who have difficulty getting around. Children and young adults on long-term ventilation may qualify if they need:

- Assistance with moving around indoors or outdoors, including using mobility aids.
- Help planning or following a journey, ensuring they can navigate safely and independently

The daily living component has two rates:

- **Standard Rate** (£72.65 per week): For those needing help with some tasks.
- **Enhanced rate** (£108.55 per week): For those needing help with the most tasks.

The mobility component has two rates:

- **Standard rate** (£28.70 per week): For those who need some help moving around.
- **Enhanced rate** (£75.75 per week): For those who are unable to move around without significant support.



How to Apply for PIP?



You can apply for PIP once your child turns 16 by:

Call the PIP new claims line: **0800 917 2222** (Monday to Friday, 8 am to 6 pm) or using a PIP [application form](#)

Make sure to detail your child's care and mobility needs, focusing on the help required with ventilation support and daily living tasks.

TOP TIPS

APPLY NOW

If required, your child may need to attend a face-to-face or virtual assessment. Be prepared to:
Explain their condition in detail and how it impacts daily life.
Provide additional evidence, if requested.

Ask for reasonable adjustments if needed (e.g., bringing medical equipment to the assessment).

PIP is assessed through a points-based system, where your child will need to score points based on the level of help they need with daily activities and mobility.

You will need to complete the "How your disability affects you" form (PIP2), which will be sent to you.



Additional Information



PIP is not means-tested, so it's unaffected by income or savings and can be received alongside other benefits

Individuals awarded the mobility component at the enhanced rate may be eligible for the **Motability Scheme**, a vehicle tax discount, or a **Blue Badge** for parking. Additionally, receiving PIP can entitle individuals to other benefits, including a **Disabled Persons Railcard** and possibly **Council Tax discounts**

More Support and Resources

Contact Information

PIP Helpline: 0800 917 2222

Website: [gov.uk/pip](https://www.gov.uk/pip)

For more details about PIP and other available benefits, scan the QR code below



Visit the [Long-Term Ventilation \(LTV\) website](#) for further guidance and support for carers

