

## Paediatric Diabetes

# Disability Living Allowance / Personal Independence Payment

## Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

If your child is 15 or under and has extra care or mobility needs due to a medical need, you can apply for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for them. If they're 16 or over they would need to apply for **Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**.

DLA is a benefit to help with the extra costs of raising a child with a medical need. It takes into account your child's mobility and care needs. DLA is not means-tested.

## Care component

- lowest rate - help for some of the day
- middle rate - frequent help / constant supervision either in the day or at night
- highest rate - help/ supervision both day and night

If your child is awarded DLA, you may qualify for **Carer's Allowance**

## Eligibility

Usually, to qualify for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children the child must:

- be under 16
- need extra looking after or have walking difficulties



## Patient Information

- be in Great Britain, another European Economic Area (EEA) country or Switzerland when you claim - there are some exceptions, such as family members of the Armed Forces
- have lived in Great Britain for 2 of the last 3 years, if over 3 years old
- be **habitually resident** in the UK, Ireland, Isle of Man or the Channel Islands
- not be subject to **immigration control**

There are some exceptions to these conditions if the child is **living or coming from another EEA country or Switzerland**.

You can claim DLA for children if you're in or out of work.

### Children under 3

A child under 6 months must have lived in Great Britain for at least 13 weeks.

A child aged between 6 months and 3 years must have lived in Great Britain for at least 26 of the last 156 weeks.

### Claiming DLA for a child

You can either:

- Call the Disability Living Allowance helpline and ask for a claim form (DLA1)  
Telephone 0800 121 4600  
Textphone 0800 121 4523
- Download a claim form DLA1 from [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

You can obtain information on how to complete the form from [www.diabetes.org.uk](http://www.diabetes.org.uk)

Your claim date will be the date you call and ask for the form, if you complete and return it in the time given. If you download a claim form, it will be the date your completed form is received.

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### **Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) was introduced in 2013 to replace Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for new claimants ages 16 to 64. PIP is not means-tested and isn't affected by earnings, other income or savings.

### **PIP assessments**

Existing Disability Living Allowance claimants are only reassessed if:

- An existing DLA claimant's fixed-term award is ending soon.
- An existing applicant is approaching age 16.
- The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) receives information about a change in their care or mobility.

From October 2015 all working-aged people still receiving DLA will be reassessed and if their claim is successful, moved onto PIP.

If you were 65 or over on 8 April 2013 and receiving DLA, you can continue to receive it if you satisfy the entitlement conditions.

### **How to claim PIP**

- Calling the PIP Claim Line Telephone 0800 917 2222
- Textphone 0800 917 7777.

If you wish to post the form the address is:

Personal Independence Payment new claim  
Post Handling site B  
Wolverhampton  
WV99 1AH

When applying for your PIP you will be asked for information such as:

- Contact details and date of birth
- National Insurance number
- Bank or Building Society details
- Doctors or health workers name

## Patient Information

- Details of any time you have spent abroad, or in a care home or hospital.

Please contact your diabetes nurse on 024 7696 7230 if you feel that you need help.

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