

Personal Independence Payment and Carer's Allowance

The Personal Independence Payment technical note on reassessment and impacts stated that we were continuing to analyse the impact on Carer's Allowance (CA). This note provides the latest available information.

Latest available information shows there were 1.04 million people claiming CA overall – of this 0.6 million are in payment and 0.44 million¹ have underlying entitlement only.²

- 269,000 CA claimants (where benefit is in payment) have a claim linked to middle/highest rate DLA care (in respect of those aged 16-64); and
- 91,000 CA claims where there is underlying entitlement only (CA is not in payment) linked to middle/highest rate DLA care (in respect of those aged 16-64).³

Of the 560,000 DLA cases that we expect to be reassessed for PIP by October 2015, approximately 76,000 are estimated to have a CA case in payment linked to it. Our modelling forecasts that 50,000 of these cases will retain their CA award and 25,000 will no longer be entitled to it as DLA claimants are reassessed for PIP. There will also be 20,000 people newly awarded CA as a result of the reassessment⁴. The overall change in the CA caseload as a result of reassessment will be a reduction of 5,000 claims by October 2015.

We have also modelled the impact of PIP on the overall CA caseload, including new claims which have not been through the reassessment process, in the following table, on a point in time basis at October 2015:

Carer's Allowance caseload linked to a 16-64 DLA/PIP claim in October 2015 – under DLA (without reform) and under PIP

Payment status of Carer's Allowance	Under DLA (without reform)	Under PIP
Entitled only	101,000	98,000
In payment	297,000	287,000
Total	397,000	385,000

The analysis in this table is a snapshot of the caseload in October 2015, which means that the reduction in caseload under PIP includes new claims as well as re-assessed cases.

¹ DWP Longitudinal Study, February 2012

² Overlapping benefit rules mean CA is not paid (but there is underlying entitlement) where the same amount or more is paid in certain other benefits – this applies to state pension, and other benefits including IB/ESA.

³ Source: DWP Disability and Carers database

⁴ Numbers may not sum due to rounding