

Personal Independence Payment

The moving around activity

Tell us what you think

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What this booklet is about

The government has started to change **Disability Living Allowance** to a new benefit called **Personal Independence Payment**.

Disability Living Allowance

This is money that someone with a disability or a health condition may be able to get to help them pay for the extra costs of being disabled.

Personal Independence Payment

This is a new benefit to help disabled people live full, active and independent lives. Disabled people who can get the benefit will get money to pay for the extra costs of being disabled.

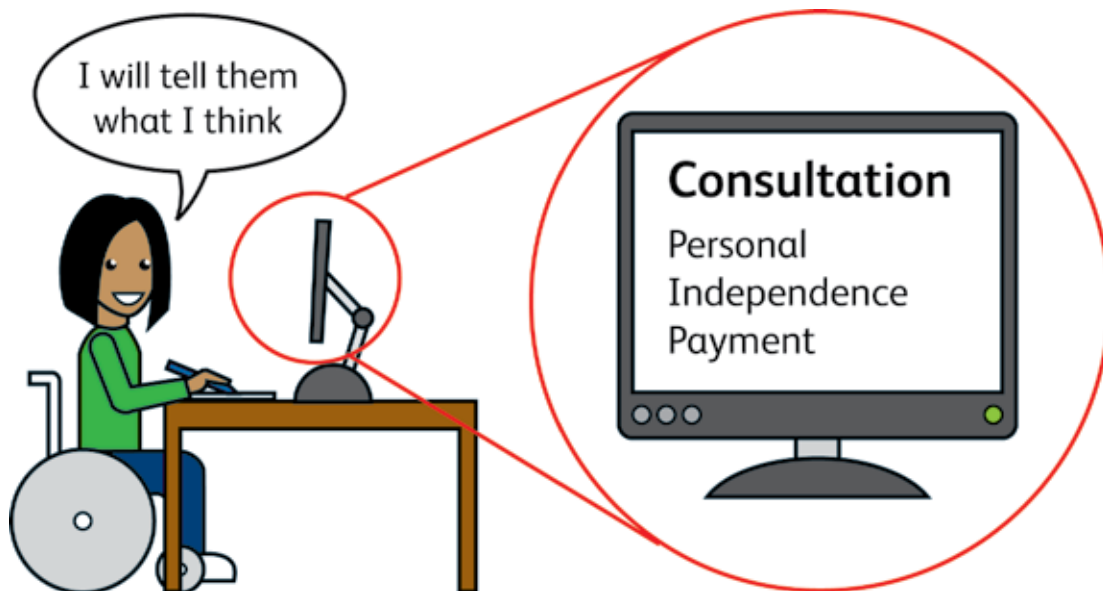


We have been working out the rules for **Personal Independence Payment** for 2 years.

We have had 2 **consultations**. We asked disabled people what they think about our plans.

Consulting or consultation

This is when the government asks people what they think about their plans, and for ideas about the best ways of doing things.



Over 2 years we have been working out how we will work out how people can get **Personal Independence Payment**. It will be done using an **assessment**.

Assessment

This is a method the Department for Work and Pensions will use to work out if a person can get **Personal Independence Payment**. It looks at 12 everyday activities, and points may be given based on how well a person can or cannot do the activities.

Payment of **Personal Independence Payment** and how much a person receives will depend on the number of points they get in the **assessment**.

When we had the second **consultation**, people told us that the rules for the moving around activity were not clear.

We wrote the rules again to make sure

- they were easy to understand.
- it was easier to get the decision right about moving around.

Some disabled people and disabled people's groups said that they were not happy with the rules for the moving around activity. They wanted another chance to tell us what they think about the rules.

Because of this, we are having a **consultation** on the moving around activity.

The moving around activity

The moving around activity is about whether a person can stand up and move around over different distances. The distances are 20 metres, 50 metres and 200 metres.

It also looks at whether the person needs **aids or appliances** to move around.

Aids or appliances

Aids help a person do something better. For example if someone is walking or reading, their **aid** may be a walking stick or a magnifier.

Appliances are things that give a person something they are missing or help them do something. For example, a false arm or leg, or a wheelchair.

It also looks at if the person is in pain or feels tired because they are moving around a lot.



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People who can only walk less than 20 metres without too much pain or tiredness will get the enhanced rate of the mobility component.

People who can walk between 20 metres and 50 metres without too much pain or tiredness will get the standard rate of the mobility component.



People can also get the standard rate or enhanced rate of the mobility component by adding together points from the moving around activity and the planning and following journeys activity

What we think about the moving around activity

We do not think the moving around activity needs to be changed.

We think that if the rules are always used in the same way it will make it easy to see the difference between those people who should get the standard rate and those people who should get the enhanced rate.

If we used 2 distances that were closer together it would be harder to see the difference between people who should get the standard rate and people who should get the enhanced rate. This could mean that the rules would not always be used in the same way.

About the question

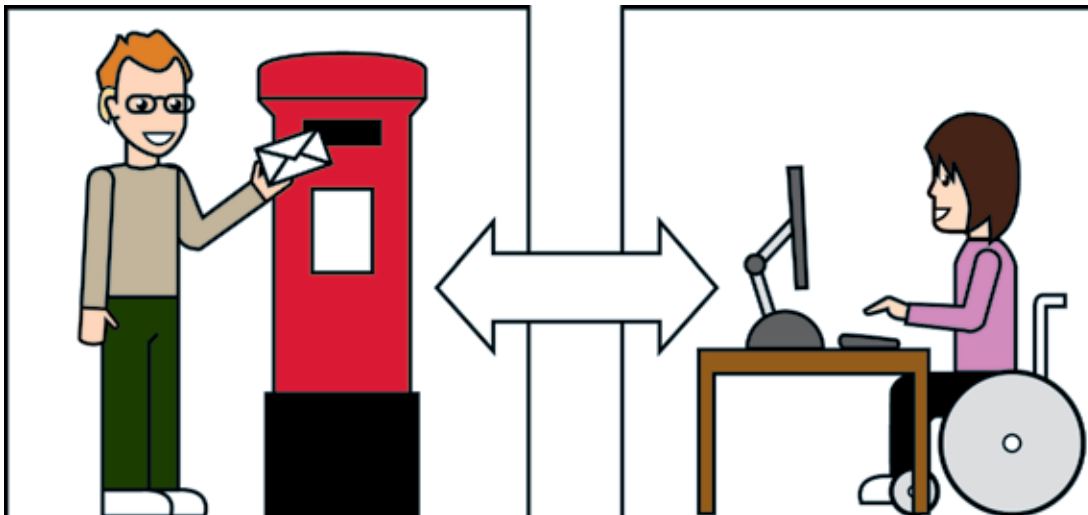
On the next page there is the question that we would like you to give us your answer to.

This **consultation** starts on 24 June 2013 and will end on 5 August 2013.

Send your replies to

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And finally, thank you

Thank you for taking the time to look at this booklet and taking part in the **consultation**.

Question

What do you think about the moving around activity in the Personal Independence Payment assessment rules?

We would like to know what you think about the moving around activity.

We would like to know

- how you think the rules we have at the moment will affect disabled people?
- if you think we need to make any changes to the rules we have at the moment?
- if you think we should look at the way people can move around in a completely different way?

What happens next?

When the **consultation** has finished we will look at all the replies. If we think we need to make changes to the rules about the moving around activity we will do so.

Before we decide what to do we will think about how any changes will affect people.

We will also look at

- how many people are likely to get **Personal Independence Payment**.
- how **Personal Independence Payment** will affect the amount we spend on the **welfare system**. We also need to know if we can afford to run **Personal Independence Payment** and keep it going.

Welfare system

This is a government system that gives help to people when they need it. For example, benefits, education and medical care.

We will then write a report saying what replies we had and what we have decided to do.

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