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Disability Living Allowance for children When a child turns 16

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Introduction



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Disability Living Allowance for children is a benefit from the Department for Work and Pensions.



It helps pay some of the extra costs when looking after **a child under the age of 16** with a:

- Disability
- Illness
- Health condition.

DLA

Disability Living Allowance for children is sometimes known as DLA.



This information tells you about what happens when a child on Disability Living Allowance for children turns 16.

For more Easy Read information on Personal Independence Payment, go to www.gov.uk

Search for **Easy Read PIP**.

To apply for a health and social care assessment, go to www.gov.uk/apply-needs-assessment-social-services

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When a child turns 16



About 5 months before a child turns 16, we will contact you to find out more about the child.

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When someone reaches the age of 16, they are then known as a 'young person' instead of a 'child'.



From the age of 16, a young person can apply for and get benefits for themselves.



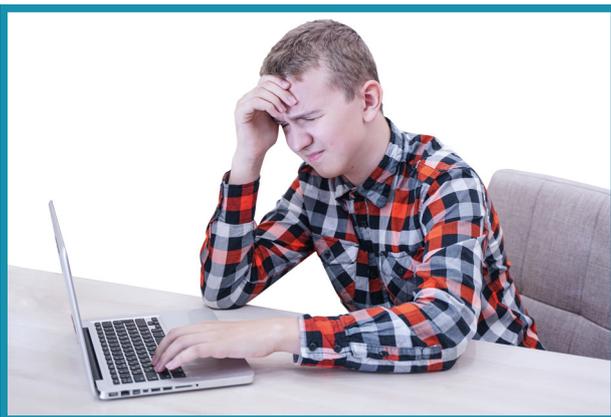
To apply for benefits themselves, a young person must be able to:

- Make decisions about their daily personal care and healthcare
- Look after their own money and bank accounts.



They may not be able to do these things because of a:

- Physical disability
- Mental health condition.



If the young person cannot do these things, we can arrange for someone else to do them on their behalf.



We call this person an **'appointee'**.

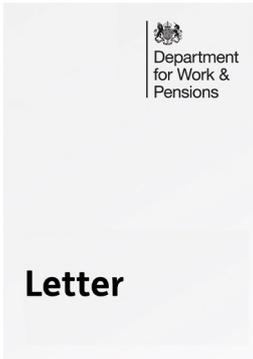
This person is usually a parent or carer who looks after the young person.

For more Easy Read information on Disability Living Allowance for children, go to www.gov.uk

Search for **Easy Read DLA child**.

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The letter to a young person or their appointee



When a child turns 16, we will send them or their appointee a letter.

PIP

The letter will invite them to apply for Personal Independence Payment (known as PIP).

DLA



We do this because a young person aged 16 or over can no longer get Disability Living Allowance for children.

PIP



A young person aged 16 or over can get Personal Independence Payment if they:

- Have a long-term health condition or disability
- Need support with daily living or mobility.

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Personal Independence Payment (PIP)



Personal Independence Payment has 2 parts:

- **Daily living** – for support with general day-to-day activities
- **Mobility** – for support getting around.



The amount of Personal Independence Payment a young person gets depends on how much support they need.

It is not based on what their health condition or disability is.



The letter will tell a young person or their appointee:

- About Personal Independence Payment
- How to make a claim.



If the letter does not arrive, please call:

Telephone: **0800 917 2222**

Textphone: **0800 917 7777**



If you cannot hear or speak on the phone, use Relay UK:

18001 then **0800 917 2222**

Relay UK used to be known as Next Generation Text (NGT).



If you are deaf and use British Sign Language you may be able to use the **Video Relay Service** (known as VRS).

For more Easy Read information on Personal Independence Payment, go to www.gov.uk

Search for **Easy Read PIP**.

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When a young person claims Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

PIP

When a young person claims Personal Independence Payment, we can continue to pay Disability Living Allowance for children.

IMPORTANT

For this to happen, they must:

- Provide all information for their claim
- Send supporting medical evidence
- Go to an assessment if asked.

DLA



They will get Disability Living Allowance for children until the Personal Independence Payment decision is made.



Letter

It is important to make a Personal Independence Payment claim before or by the date stated in the letter.

DLA 

If this is not done, their Disability Living Allowance for children may stop.



If Disability Living Allowance for children stops, it may affect other benefits or services you or your family get.

This could include, for example, Carer's Allowance or Motability.

For more Easy Read information on Personal Independence Payment or Disability Living Allowance for children, go to www.gov.uk

Search for **Easy Read PIP** or **Easy Read DLA child**.