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Supporting information for Personal Independence Payment

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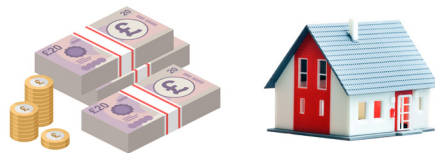
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Introduction



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Personal Independence Payment is a benefit from the Department for Work and Pensions.



It helps with some of the extra costs you have to pay when you have long term ill health or a disability.

PIP

Personal Independence Payment is sometimes known as PIP.



PIP can help you be more active and do more on your own.



This leaflet tells you about the **supporting information** you should send with your form.

For more Easy Read leaflets, go to www.gov.uk

Search for **Easy Read PIP**.

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The form and supporting information you send

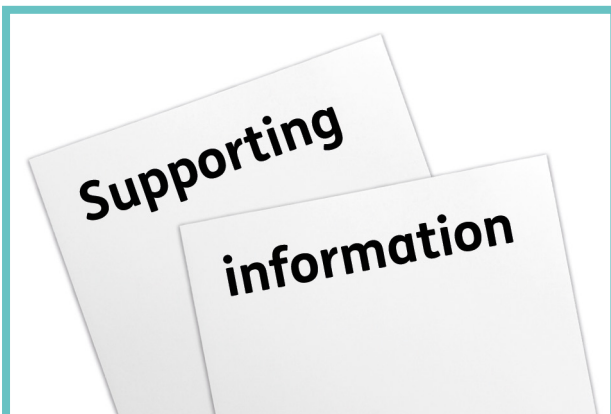


To get Personal Independence Payment you must fill in a form and send it to us.

For more information, go to www.gov.uk search for **Easy Read PIP How to Claim**.



You also need to send us any supporting information you have with your form.



Sending your supporting information can help speed up your claim.

It could mean you get a decision sooner.

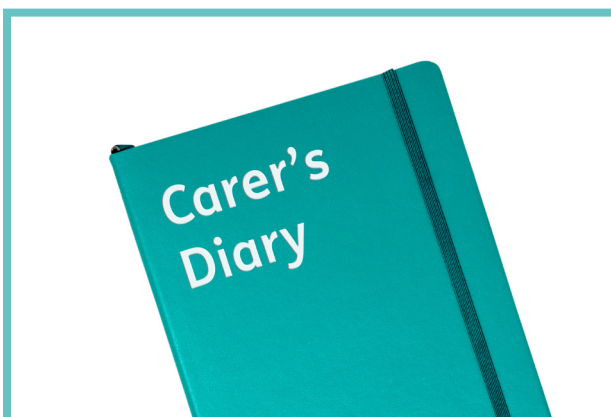
Types of supporting information to send with your form could be:



- Social care plans
- A report from a health professional
- A list of medicine you take



- Test results. Things like hearing or vision tests

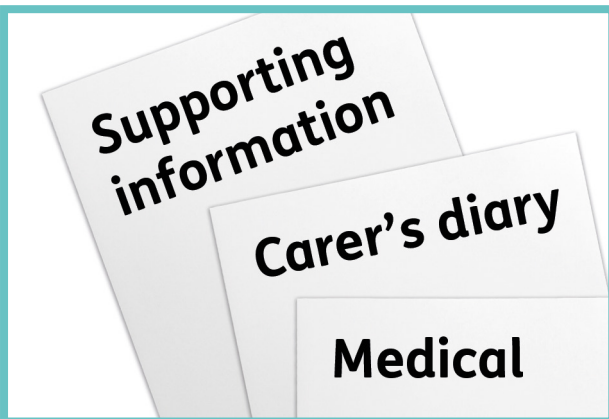


- Statements from carers or family members, like a carer's diary.



Supporting information can help us:

- Understand how your health condition or disability affects you
- Decide if you can, or cannot, get PIP.



Send us the different types of evidence you have.

This can include medical details or any other supporting information.



Information from a person who supports you could be very useful. A person who supports you could be a:

- Nurse
- Social worker
- Carer.



Please send us copies of the information you have.

Do not send us your original documents.



Please do not ask your doctor or health professional for new or extra information as you may need to pay for this.

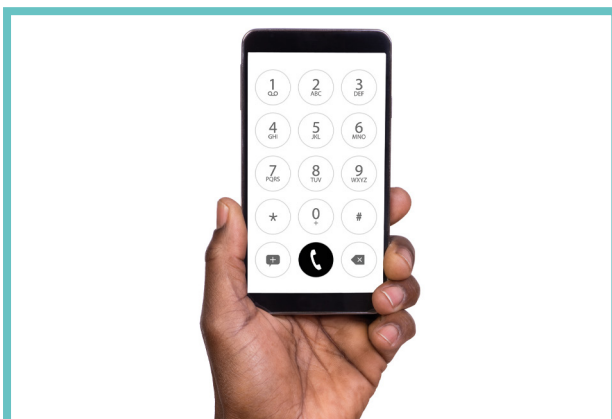


If we need more information from your doctor or health professional, we will contact them.



You usually do not need to send:

- Appointment letters or cards
- General information about health conditions or medicines
- Bus or train tickets to appointments you have been to.



If you need more time to make your claim, please tell us.

You can call us free on:

Telephone: **0800 121 4433**

Textphone: **0800 121 4493**



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

18001 then **0800 121 4433**



If you are deaf and use British Sign Language you may be able to use the video relay service.

For more information, go to www.gov.uk/pip/how-to-claim



You should still apply if you do not have any supporting information to send us.

You can tell us about your health condition or disability on your form.

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Other types of support



You may be able to get a benefit called Universal Credit if:

- You are out of work
- You are in work and on low earnings.

For more information on Universal Credit, go to www.gov.uk

Search for **Easy Read Universal Credit**.



Universal Credit can also help you with some housing costs.

Some people will still need to claim Housing Benefit instead of Universal Credit.

For more information, go to www.gov.uk/housing-benefit



COUNCIL TAX

You may be able to get help with Council Tax.



You may be able to get an Access to Work grant.



An Access to Work grant can help pay for changes needed in your workplace to help you do your job.

For more information on Access to Work, go to www.gov.uk

Search for **Easy Read Access to Work**.



If someone cares for you, they may be able to get Carer's Allowance.

For more information on Carer's Allowance, go to www.gov.uk/carers-allowance



If you have money problems, you can contact:

- Your local Jobcentre Plus office
- Your local council office
- Local help and support groups.

For more information on Personal Independence Payment, go to www.gov.uk/pip

For more information on the benefits, you may be able to claim go to www.gov.uk/browse/disabilities

To find your local Jobcentre Plus office, go to find-your-nearest-jobcentre.dwp.gov.uk

To find your local council office, or a help and support group, go to www.gov.uk/find-local-council

For help with money problems, go to www.moneyhelper.org.uk