



Support for those affected by the introduction of PIP

Supplementary Payments have been introduced in Northern Ireland to help reduce the financial impact of the changes to the welfare system. They are part of the Fresh Start Agreement, when the Northern Ireland Executive committed to provide £501 million from 2016 to 2020 to support people impacted by the changes.

SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE IMPACTED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF:

- Benefit Cap
- Employment and Support Allowance time limiting
- Personal Independence Payment
- Working families on Universal Credit
- Social Sector Size Criteria

This leaflet gives information on the Supplementary Payments available for Personal Independence Payment (PIP). If you would like more information on the Supplementary Payments for any of the other changes, please visit www.nidirect.gov.uk/welfarechanges



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Categories for PIP Supplementary Payments

The Northern Ireland Executive has put in place some measures to support people who are currently receiving Disability Living

Allowance (DLA) and are financially worse off after they have been assessed for PIP.

THERE ARE THREE CATEGORIES OF SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS FOR PIP:

1 IF YOU DON'T QUALIFY FOR PIP

If you don't qualify for PIP after your assessment and you choose to lodge an appeal, you may be eligible for a Supplementary Payment.

A Supplementary Payment will be paid until the appeal decision is made (this is the case up to March 2020) and will be equal to your original DLA award.

75% of the loss. For example, if the difference is £20 you will receive £15. This is available up to March 2020.

2 IF YOU RECEIVE LESS ON PIP THAN YOU DID ON DLA

If you qualify for PIP but at a reduced rate, and your weekly loss is more than £10, you will be eligible for a Supplementary Payment which covers

3 IF YOUR DISABILITY OR ILLNESS IS A RESULT OF A NORTHERN IRELAND CONFLICT RELATED INJURY

If you don't qualify for PIP but can show that your disability or illness is as a result of a Northern Ireland conflict related injury, you may be entitled to a Supplementary Payment for 12 months.

You must have received four or more points in one PIP component to be considered. This is available up to March 2020.



HOW IS IT PAID?

Payments will be made every four weeks in arrears.

HOW DO I GET A SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENT?

If you are entitled to a Supplementary Payment you do not need to do anything.

The Department for Communities will contact you.

Assistance and advice on the changes to the welfare system is available by contacting the Independent Welfare Changes Helpline on 0808 802 0020, which is free to call from any mobile or landline within the UK.

Additions to benefits

If after your assessment you do not qualify for PIP or do not qualify at the same rate as you were receiving under DLA, this could affect certain additions known as Disability Premiums/Severe Disability Element which may be included in some other benefits paid to you/your partner such as, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support and Working Tax Credit.

If you are impacted in this way you will receive a Supplementary Payment to cover this loss for up to one year, until March 2020. Payments will be made every four weeks in arrears.

Support for Carers

If you care for someone who was in receipt of DLA but doesn't qualify for PIP after their assessment, you will no longer be entitled to Carer's Allowance or Carer's Premium. However in these circumstances, a Supplementary Payment may be paid for up to one year, until March 2020.



Further Information

There is information on all aspects of Welfare Changes and Supplementary Payments available at www.nidirect.gov.uk/welfarechanges



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