

# Renewing PIP

**PIP Guide Series: 6** 

It is helpful to keep copies of previous applications and appeals as these can be used as a starting point for completing the renewal form.

## If nothing has changed

If nothing has changed, you can complete the form by ticking the box to confirm that nothing has changed. This has some risks though, as you may be asked to attend another assessment or may wish to appeal if your claim isn't renewed. In these circumstances it is helpful to have all the information clearly written down. You can tick this box and write in the space available to inform the DWP how your disability affects you.

Some people copy this information directly from their initial application, where it is still accurate. You can also add more up-to-date examples. This method does take more time and energy, but it ensures that the review is based on up-to-date information.

If you appealed to a tribunal, it can be helpful to refer to the tribunal's decision and reasoning. You can also include a copy of the judgement. Don't rely on the decision maker thoroughly reading all previous documents.

## If there has been change

If things have changed, you will need to inform the DWP of this on the renewal form. You should explain what changes there have been and how they affect you.

Use the tips given in the "how your disability affects you form" guide to help you.

Remember that even if you think an activity has less of an impact on your life than when you previously applied, you could still be eligible.

For example: you have a support worker and can now engage with others face-to-face with their support. This activity is much less distressing now, but you could still be eligible for points for it.

Consider if you would still be able to do the activity if you didn't have the support. If you need support, then you should explain this.

The DWP will make a decision based on the information you provide. They may contact you to clarify some information or ask you to attend another assessment, or they may make their decision without this. If you are not satisfied with the DWP's decision, you can appeal through the mandatory reconsideration and tribunal processes.



# Other guides in the series:

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### **Supplementary Guides:**

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- PIP Evidence
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