



Understanding Your PIP Award

PIP Guide Series: 4

Standard and Enhanced Awards

Personal Independence Payment is awarded in two parts or components: the **Daily Living** component and the **Mobility** component.

Each component may be awarded at the **Standard Rate**, the **Enhanced Rate**, or may not be awarded.

In each component:

- The standard rate is given if you score 8 - 11 points.
- The enhanced rate is given if you score 12 or more points. This is more money than the standard rate
- If you score 0 - 7 points, you will not be awarded PIP for this component.

It is possible for you to receive one component and not the other, or to receive both components but at different rates.

Length of Award



PIP awards can vary in how long they are given for.

The decision maker can award PIP as a:

- Fixed term award with no review
- Fixed term award with review
- Ongoing or indefinite award with 'light touch' review

Fixed term with no review

You may be awarded PIP for 2 years or less. In this situation, your PIP claim won't normally be reviewed by the DWP.

You should make a new claim before your PIP award ends. You can do this up to 6 months before your award ends. The DWP usually write to you around 3 months before your award ends to remind you to make a new claim.

Fixed term with review

You may be awarded PIP for more than 2 years. In this situation, the DWP will set a date for your claim to be reviewed. At this date the DWP will send you a form to complete and return. It is important to return this by the deadline given, as otherwise your claim will be stopped.



You can find some more information in the [Renewing PIP guide](#).

Ongoing award

You may be awarded an ongoing or indefinite award. This more likely to be awarded in situations where the claimant:

- has a condition which is likely to either stay the same or get worse over a long period of time,
- or will reach state pension age on or before their next planned review.

An ongoing award would usually involve a 'light touch' review after 10 years. At this date the DWP will send you a form to complete and return. It is important to return this by the deadline given.



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