BENEFITS AND MONEY ENGLAND

Child DLA to PIP Transition Pack

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A timeline and checklist pack for the move from child Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independence Payment, usually around age 16.

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children is administered by the Department for Work and Pensions. Entitlement depends on care and/or mobility needs, not on a diagnosis alone. Rules, rates and processes can change. Scotland has a different child disability payment. This pack does not decide entitlement and is not a claim form. Check current guidance on GOV.UK before you apply or ask a welfare-rights adviser or a SENDIASS or Citizens Advice service. Personal Independence Payment (PIP) usually applies from age 16 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Scotland has a different adult disability payment. PIP looks at daily living and mobility with specific descriptors. This pack helps you prepare examples; it does not submit a claim or decide points or entitlement. Check current GOV.UK guidance. Official invitation letters and deadlines must be followed. This pack does not make the claim.

Who this is for

Young people approaching 16, and the parents or carers supporting them, in England, Wales or Northern Ireland. Scotland has a different transition to Adult Disability Payment.

What is inside

- A what-to-expect explainer
- A timeline I can fill in
- A evidence and support checklist

Please read this first

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Start earlier than you think

Child DLA usually ends as a young person moves towards PIP. The Department for Work and Pensions should invite a PIP claim at the appropriate time, but you should still watch the dates. A PIP decision can be different from the DLA award. Check current official guidance and get advice. Do not ignore a letter because a previous award felt secure.

> **Scotland is different**
> If you live in Scotland, look up the current Child Disability Payment to Adult Disability Payment process. Do not follow this pack as if it were the Scottish system.

Young person's name and date of birth

Current DLA award as I understand it

Date of any PIP invitation, if received

Date I asked for advice

My timeline

Dates I have been given, and the deadline I must not miss

Who will help complete the form, and whether the young person's own views will be included

Reports, school or college evidence, and diaries I will gather

Whether an appointee, correspondence arrangements, or support at an assessment may be needed — to discuss with an

Checklist

- [ ] Read the current DLA-to-PIP information on GOV.UK
- [ ] Keep every official letter
- [ ] Use a planner or examples workbook before the official form
- [ ] Ask a welfare-rights service to review a draft if possible
- [ ] Note any assessment date and request adjustments if needed
- [ ] Check other benefits that might be affected when DLA ends or PIP is decided

Questions for an adviser

Useful next steps and sources

Use what helped in this pack and leave the rest. You can come back to it when you need to. Live tools on mysendfriend.co.uk remain free, including Help Me Now, the SEND Letter Builder, the Reasonable Adjustments Builder, the DLA and PIP Claim Planners, and the free resources hub. Saving work to My SEND Plan is optional.

Where to check official or independent information

Guidance and benefit rules can change. Check the current official position, and get individual advice when you need it.

- GOV.UK: Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children
- GOV.UK: Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- GOV.UK: Carer's Allowance and related carer support, if relevant
- A local welfare-rights service, Citizens Advice, or Contact
- Your local SENDIASS service, for SEND-related questions

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