



Social Security
Scotland

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Adult Disability Payment is replacing Personal Independence Payment in Scotland

What is happening?

In Scotland, Personal Independence Payment (PIP) is being replaced by Adult Disability Payment. Clients will receive payments from Social Security Scotland and will no longer be with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). Clients currently in receipt of Personal Independence Payment do not need to apply for Adult Disability Payment and will not be reassessed. Their award will be transferred automatically.

Can people choose to stay with the DWP?

People cannot choose for their award to remain with the DWP. Certain benefits, like this one, are transferring to Social Security Scotland as part of Scottish Devolution.

Will it impact payments?

It will not impact the amount of money people get. People will get the same amount, to the same account as they get their payments right now.

What are the timings for the transfer?

We began moving people's PIP to Adult Disability Payment at the end of August 2022. We aim to complete case transfer for all disability benefits by the end of 2025.

How will people know their award is being moved?

We will write to people in advance to tell them when the change will happen and again once the transfer is complete. This letter will tell people when their Adult Disability Payment award begins and when they will get their first payment.

What if people's circumstances change during the transfer?

If anything changes ahead of people getting confirmation that their award has moved to Social Security Scotland, they must contact the DWP as soon as possible by calling free on 0800 121 4600.

What about Motability leases?

If you have a Motability vehicle because you receive the enhanced rate of the mobility component of PIP, you'll be able to keep the vehicle when you move to Adult Disability Payment. If only part of the mobility component is used for the lease, people will continue to be paid the remaining benefit.

What if the person is terminally ill?

Clients who are terminally ill will be prioritised for transfer. Terminally ill clients under pension age who receive Adult Disability Payment are automatically entitled to the enhanced award for daily living and the enhanced award for mobility. If they are over state pension age when their Adult Disability Payment award starts, they will get the same rate of mobility that they got for PIP. We will not review their Adult Disability Payment, unless they ask us to. Our rules about who can get Adult Disability Payment under special rules are different to DWP's.

What will happen to related benefits?

Entitlement to related benefits and services will not be affected by the transfer. People must tell the agencies, such as local authorities, that administer their related benefits that their award has transferred.

What if someone is close to their DWP award review?

People will be transferred to Adult Disability Payment before their PIP ends so their payments will not be disrupted.

If someone reports a change in their condition, this will start the transfer. This is so they will not have a review of their PIP award with DWP. Instead we'll review their Adult Disability Payment.

The transfer will start on the date DWP would have started the review of their PIP. If a client has a PIP award with no review date, the transfer will start 6 months before their PIP award is due to end. If a client does not report a change and does not have an upcoming review, their case will be selected for transfer via our managed process. Those with review dates furthest in the future will be selected first.

Independent advice

People can get independent advice during or after transfer. They can seek advice by speaking to Citizens Advice Scotland or by speaking to another organisation that has supported them in the past.





They can also contact the independent advocacy service provided by VoiceAbility by calling **0300 303 1660** or by emailing **SocialSecurityAdvocacy@voiceability.org**.

They can find our more information about the transfer process by going to **mygov.scot/benefit-transfer** or they can call Social Security Scotland free on **0800 182 2222**.



There are many people worrying about the cost of living. You are not alone. To learn what help you might be entitled to, please visit **gov.scot/costoflivingsupport**. Or visit your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

How can people contact us?

-  Call us free on: 0800 182 2222
-  Text Relay Service: 18001 +0300 244 4000 (for the hard of hearing)
-  British Sign Language users: contactscotland-bsl.org
-  Webchat: chat.socialsecurity.gov.scot