

5. Introducing PIP for new claimants (8 April 2013)

This fact sheet outlines the phased approach DWP are taking to introduce PIP from 8 April 2013

Introducing PIP

DWP have decided to use a phased approach to introduce PIP starting with a limited number of new claims before increasing new claims volumes and beginning to invite existing DLA claimants to claim PIP.

This is to make sure that the delivery of PIP is right by:

- allowing processes to bed in
- making sure our systems are working as we intend and
- learning from the experience of these early stage new claims.

8 April 2013

From 8 April 2013, DWP will start taking new claims to PIP from people living in the North West and North East of England who are aged 16 to 64.

This means that from this date, people living in the following postcode areas will be able to make a new claim to PIP:

BL

CA

CH (except CH1, CH4, CH5, CH6, CH7 and CH8)

CW

DH

DL (except DL6, DL7, DL8, DL9, DL10 and DL11)

FY

L

LA (except LA2 7, LA2 8, LA6 2 and LA6 3)

M

NE

PR

SR

TS (except TS9)

WA

WN

Bootle Benefits Centre will handle these claims.

If anyone aged 16 to 64, who lives in these postcode areas, sends in a new DLA claim form it will be treated as a PIP claim.

The Assessment Provider for these postcode areas is Atos. Details about the Assessment Process and Providers can be found in [fact sheet 9](#).

New claims to DLA will continue to be available in the rest of Great Britain until June 2013.

Between 8 April 2013 and 9 June 2013, anyone outside of these postcode areas will not be able to claim PIP.

Existing DLA claimants will also not be able to make a new claim to PIP at this time.

10 June 2013

From this date DWP will start to take claims to PIP in all areas of Great Britain. No more new claims for DLA will be taken from this date from people aged between 16 and 64.

7 October 2013

From this date, DWP will start to invite some existing Disability Living Allowance (DLA) claimants to claim PIP. Details on reassessment of existing DLA claimants can be found in [fact sheet 6](#).

Making a claim to PIP

The same process for claiming PIP will be used in all geographical areas. Details on how to claim PIP can be found in [fact sheet 7](#).

More detailed information about Personal Independence Payment: www.dwp.gov.uk/pip