

PIP APPLICATION PROCESS

A step-by-step guide to applying for PIP



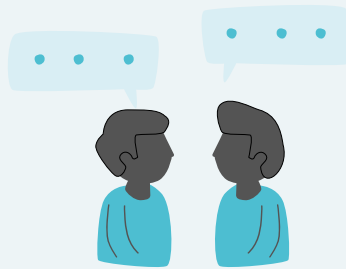
STEP 1 PHONE CALL

- Phone DWP to begin your claim
- You will need to give basic personal details
- The call can be made by yourself or an appointee (someone formally appointed to manage your benefits on your behalf)



STEP 2 APPLICATION FORM

- After the phone call, you will receive a form (PIP2)
- The form includes questions about any difficulties you may face day-to-day
- See our top tips for filling in the form



STEP 3 FACE TO FACE ASSESSMENT

- After submitting the form, you will likely be invited to attend a face-to-face assessment with a healthcare professional
- If you are not able to attend an assessment centre, you can request a home visit instead
- Parents/carers can attend the assessment with you for support
- You will be assessed on 2 criteria, daily living and mobility. For each factor, there are a number of 'descriptors'.
- Each descriptor is worth a certain number of points, if the descriptor applies to you, you score that number of points.
- If you can provide enough evidence about your difficulties and needs, your claim may be decided without a face to face assessment

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DAILY LIVING

Includes:

- Preparing food
- Washing and bathing
- Dressing and undressing
- Communicating verbally
- Making budgeting decisions

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MOBILITY

Includes:

- Planning and following a journey
- Physically moving around

INFORMATION SOURCES

National Autistic Society website
Mental Health & Money Advice website
Government website
www.gov.uk/pip
Call 0800 917 2222 to apply





TOP TIPS FOR FILLING OUT YOUR PIP APPLICATION FORM (PIP2)

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▶ Understand the criteria

Start by looking through the criteria which points are based on, this will help you understand what information to include in your form

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▶ Focus on detail and examples

For each tick box question, there is an 'extra information' section, use this to fully explain your circumstances

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▶ Be open

Filling out the form can be difficult and feel like a negative thing, but it is important to explain your difficulties as accurately as possible so you get the help you need

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▶ Consider the reader

Complete the form as if the person reading it has no understanding of autism and no prior knowledge of you, this is important to prevent misunderstanding or assumptions

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▶ Get help

You can complete your form with the help of a welfare rights advisor, local advice service, or friends and family

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▶ Provide additional information

If you have any written reports, assessments or other paperwork to support your form, make sure to submit copies of these with the form

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▶ Consider the benefits

You do not have to currently be receiving treatment or support to qualify for PIP, consider how your life could be improved if you had more support, what would you want to get out of this?