

**Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is ending:** The following information is taken from 'The News', a bulletin sent to volunteers by National Office.

If someone of working age currently receives DLA (even with a lifetime award) they will be told by the Department of Work and Pensions in writing when this will end. This will happen between July 2015 and September 2017 for anyone aged between 16 and 64 on 8 April 2013, the day Personal Independence Payment (PIP) was introduced. They will then be invited to apply for PIP.

This may affect some people with MND who still get DLA. See official notices at:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-living-allowance-is-ending-claimant-journey](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-living-allowance-is-ending-claimant-journey)

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-living-allowance-is-ending-claimant-factsheet](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-living-allowance-is-ending-claimant-factsheet)

To apply for PIP, each individual must reply to their letter about DLA ending within 4 weeks. Their DLA will continue until a decision is made. If awarded PIP, they should see no gap in payments, but the level of award could change depending on their circumstances. If they do not apply for PIP their DLA will stop.

When completing the PIP claim form, clear and detailed entries about the person's needs are required. This can help ensure a suitable award is provided. The following may help:

National Office website: Find out more about the changeover, including which postcodes will be affected first, at [www.mndassociation.org/pip](http://www.mndassociation.org/pip)

Government information about PIP: [www.gov.uk/pip](http://www.gov.uk/pip)

MND Connect helpline. For direction to services of additional information and publications to support a claim: Telephone 03457 626262 Email [mndconnect@mndassociation.org](mailto:mndconnect@mndassociation.org)

MND Association Information sheet 10A – Benefits and entitlements at: <http://www.mndassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/10a-benefits-and-entitlements.pdf>

or contact MND Connect for a printed copy.

Medical evidence from health and social care professionals maybe required for a claim. Professionals can access: Providing medical evidence for benefit applications at : [www.mndassociation.org/forprofessionals](http://www.mndassociation.org/forprofessionals)

Guidance about the claim form: Search for how to claim for PIP at:  
<http://disabilityrightsuk.org>

Whilst we cannot take responsibility for external information, this publication provides detailed guidance about the way the claim for is scored. An easy read version is also available.