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Unite believes that many of the government reforms to welfare benefits are unfair and unnecessary, and we are campaigning against them. To get involved email: [community@unitetheunion.org](mailto:community@unitetheunion.org) or go to [www.ourwelfareworks.com](http://www.ourwelfareworks.com)



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# BENEFIT CHANGES

## ARE YOU PREPARED?



DISABILITY LIVING

ALLOWANCE

FROM APR 2013

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The Government is making big changes to welfare benefits. Find out how the Changes affect you.



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# 5. DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE

From April 2013 **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)** is being replaced by **Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**.

Disabled people who are entitled to the benefit will get money to help them pay the extra costs of being disabled. People currently claiming DLA will gradually be reassessed for PIP. From July 2013 all new claims will go straight into PIP.

**Some things will stay the same.**

- People must have a long-term disability or health condition to get Personal Independence Payment.
- Personal Independence Payment is money that people can spend in any way they choose.
- 20% fewer people will qualify for PIP than currently claim DLA.

## QUESTION

How will Personal Independence Payment be calculated?

## ANSWER

- As with DLA there will be a Daily Living part and a Mobility part. Your money will be made up of one or both of these parts.
- Each part will be made up of two rates – standard and enhanced. The Government has not yet decided how much these rates will be.
- Instead of filling in a form to claim the benefit people will now be required to undergo a medical assessment to decide entitlement.

## QUESTION

When will the changes happen?

## ANSWER

- The Government have decided to change Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independence Payment from April 2013.
- Personal Independence Payment will be introduced to the country in stages.
- The Government will ask everyone to make new claims for Personal Independence Payment by March 2016.

## QUESTION

Is everyone entitled to the Personal Independence Payment?

## ANSWER

No. Everyone will have to make a new claim when asked to (unless they are terminally ill).