

# Personal Independence Payment

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# The new benefit – key proposals

- Replace DLA with a new benefit to be introduced for working age people from 2013 called Personal Independence Payment, that will:
  - continue to help contribute to the extra costs of living independently
  - recognise changes to individuals' situations
  - be simpler to administer and easier to understand; and
  - have a new fairer, more objective and more transparent assessment
- Two components:
  - Mobility component
  - Daily-living component
  - Each component will have two rates – standard and enhanced

# Overview - key dates

- Consultation on DLA reform launched – 6 December 2010
- Government response to the DLA reform consultation – 4 April 2011
- Published Policy Briefing Documents, including initial draft of the assessment criteria – 9 May 2011
- Third Reading of the Welfare Reform Bill – 15 June 2011
- Introduced into the House of Lords – 16 June 2011

# Implementing Personal Independence Payment

## *Getting ready ...*

- Work underway in advance of introduction in 2013:
  - arrangements for taking new claims and reassessing existing customers
  - changes to our processes and systems (including IT)
  - new commercial contracts
  - guidance and training for our staff (including Decision Makers)

# Implementing Personal Independence Payment

## *Getting it right ...*

- Committed to involving disabled people and their representatives in our design and development:
  - PIP Implementation Development Group set up
  - developing programme of involvement activity and research
  - seeking views on wide range of issues including migration, communications and claiming the new benefit ...

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## *Claiming the new benefit ...*

1. What are the pros and cons of different claiming channels – electronic, telephone, paper?
2. How can we make the claim form simpler and easier to complete?
3. What information should DWP capture in the claim form? What should the assessor collect?

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