



Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Assessments

PIP TOP TIPS

When you have made a claim for Personal Independence Payment in most cases you will be asked to attend a face-to-face assessment

If you have been invited to attend a face-to-face assessment it is important to bear the following in mind:

- Be prepared to talk about your condition and how it affects you
- Someone can accompany you when attending the assessment
- You can claim back travel expenses for yourself, companion or carer. You can also claim travel expenses for young children who would otherwise be left unattended; Ask for a claim form from the reception in the assessment centre
- In some cases you may be able to request taxi fares however this needs to be arranged in advance by contacting the assessment centre
- You can request a home assessment (known as a domiciliary) however you will need to provide confirmation from your health professional that indicates you are unable to travel on health grounds. Please note that requesting a home assessment does not guarantee you will get one
- If you cannot attend your assessment you must contact the assessment centre as soon as possible to request that it is re-arranged
- Failure to attend may result in your PIP claim being closed and if you are transferring from Disability Living Allowance, this could stop too

Remember that Advice First can assist you to complete your initial application or renewal

If you require any further advice regarding Personal Independence Payment or any other Welfare Benefits and how to challenge decisions, please contact Advice First on **01475 715299** or email triage.advice@inverclyde.gov.uk