



MESOTHELIOMA UK

Supporting People With This Asbestos Cancer

Personal Independence Payment (Mobility) Factsheet

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Have you been diagnosed with mesothelioma and are you under the age of 65? Do you have walking difficulties because of the mesothelioma?

You may be able to get Personal Independence Payment (mobility component) if you are unable to walk or can only walk a short distance before you feel severe discomfort.

How to claim

This benefit may be claimed at the same time as you claim Personal Independence Payment (daily living component) under special rules. You will be asked some additional questions on your ability to get around. Please see the separate factsheet on how to claim Personal

Independence Payment (daily living). If you have any queries on whether you can claim Personal Independence Payment (mobility) you can contact the Personal Independence Payment Helpline on **0345 850 3322**.

Benefit rates

The mobility component of Personal Independence Payment can be paid at either the enhanced or the standard rate depending on the extent to which your mobility is affected. Benefit rates are reviewed each year, normally in April. Information regarding current figures can be found at **www.gov.uk** or contact the Mesothelioma UK National Welfare Benefits Adviser (see overleaf).

Will my savings or income or earnings affect payment of the benefit?

- This benefit is paid on top of any other income or savings you may have
- It is non-taxable so it is not required to be declared to the Inland Revenue

Will Personal Independence Payment (mobility) affect my means tested benefits such as Income Support, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit or Universal Credit.

- These benefits will not be affected by the payment of Personal Independence Payment (mobility).

- You may even get more of these benefits. For housing benefit and council tax you should contact your local council Revenue and Benefits section. For all other benefits you should contact Jobcentre Plus on **0800 169 0310**.

Further help

For help to check benefit entitlement, assistance with form filling or to discuss any problems with benefit/compensation applications please contact the Mesothelioma UK National Welfare Benefits Adviser on **0800 169 2409** or email **info@mesothelioma.uk.com** Alternatively, you can contact an Asbestos Support Group or your local Citizens Advice office.