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## INFORMATION SHEET No 26

### EXPORTABLE BENEFITS FROM THE UK PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENT

**There is no change to Exportable Benefits such as Personal Independence Payment** if you have a Spanish Residency before 31st December 2020. People already PIPs from the UK will see no change in their benefits. However UK nationals taking out Spanish residency after 31st December will no longer be able to claim **Personal Independence Payment**.

**New claims** can still be made providing you can prove you were a Spanish Resident before 31st Dec 2020. You will have to send a copy of your residency card.

**Personal Independence Payment (PIP)** is a benefit for people aged between 16 and 64 who need help with daily living activities and / or getting around due to long-term illness or disability. PIP depend on National Insurance contributions. You have to working the UK for two out of the three previous years. Is not affected by your income or savings and is paid on top of most other benefits or pensions. It is payable whether you work or not and is not taxable.

It does not matter if you live alone or with other people, nor whether you have a carer or other help. Awards are based solely on whether you satisfy the conditions.

#### **To qualify for PIP, you must:**

Not receive Disability Living Allowance (unless transferring from DLA)

Not be entitled to Armed Forces Independence Payment

Need help with daily living activities.

Be aged 16 or over and under 65 when you first claim

Have satisfied the daily living and/or mobility conditions for at least three months and expect to satisfy them for at least the next nine months (except if you are terminally ill)

Not be subject to immigration control

**NB:** The residence rules may not apply to some people, including terminally ill people, members of the armed forces and people who live in or have lived in EEA states or Switzerland.

If you already live in another EU country or Switzerland you don't need to have claimed in the UK before you moved. But you must:

Be habitually resident in the EU country or Switzerland

have a genuine link with the UK social security system, for example you've lived or worked in the UK

#### **Rules about your age:**

Although you must make a PIP claim before you reach 65, once you are awarded PIP it continues after age 65 as long as you continue to satisfy the conditions.

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If you have a short break in entitlement (less than 12 months) after the age of 65 and then become entitled again as a result of the same medical condition, you can make a new PIP claim.

## **Exportable Benefits from the UK (PIP)**

### **Current Rates:**

#### **PIP**

Has a “daily living components” and a “mobility components” with a standard rate. The mobility component of PIPs is not exportable from the UK

### **How to claim:**

Write to the exportability team to let them know what benefits you want to claim and where you live. They will decide if you are entitled.

### **They look at claims for:**

The care component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)  
Attendance Allowance (AA)  
Carer’s Allowance (CA)  
Personal Independence Payment (PIPS)

### **Exportability Co-ordinator**

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For more information on this benefit and how to apply, please contact our San Miguel Centre on 966 723 733 Monday to Friday 10am to 1.30 pm