**Lothian Centre for Inclusive Living (LCiL)**

**Grapevine Disability Information**

**Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and Pass-ported Benefits**

If you receive Personal Independence Payment (PIP), you may be entitled to receive other ‘concessions’ or top-ups if you are already claiming means-tested benefits (i.e. benefits paid in respect of your income, employment status, etc.)

Some of these ‘passports’, are administered by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP), others are administered by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and local authorities also have a duty to administer others. If you are unsure about entitlement conditions or what’s involved in claiming these and you live in Edinburgh, please contact Grapevine disability information on 0131 475 2370 (Mon-Thu, 10am-4pm) or email: grapevine@lothiancil.org.uk

Please note this is a generic list only and we would recommend getting a full benefit check to ensure you are getting everything you are entitled to. In Edinburgh, Grapevine can provide this over the advice line initially (see contact details below). Older people living in Edinburgh (aged 65 and above) can make an appointment for a benefit check at our office in Norton Park, 57 Albion Road Edinburgh.

**PIP may entitle you to these means tested benefits:**

**Disability Premium** if you receive Housing Benefit (HB), Income Support (IS) or income-basedJob Seeker’s Allowance (JSA) - any rate or component of PIP will qualify you for this.

**Severe Disability Premium** in income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), HB, IS, JSA and additional amount for severe disability in Pension Credit - standard orenhanced rate daily living component of PIP will qualify you for this.

**Enhanced Disability Premium** in income-related ESA, HB, IS, JSA - enhanced rate daily living component of PIP required to qualify for this.

**Carer’s Allowance** - Standard or enhanced rate daily living component required to qualify for this and income of the carer also considered. If Carer’s Allowance is awarded, it may affect some of the benefits that you receive.

**Carer Premium** in the income-related benefits and the additional amount for carers in Pension Credit - standard or enhanced rate daily living PIP component will qualify you for this.

**No Non-Dependant Deductions** in ESA, HB, IS, and JSA - standard or enhanced rate daily living component of PIP will qualify you for this.

**Student Eligibility** for income-related ESA - any PIP rate or component required.

**Christmas Bonus** - Any PIP rate or component required.

**Note on Universal Credit** - Universal Credit is being introduced in stages across the UK. It may affect the payment of means-tested benefits, depending on where you live and any other benefits you claim. As of publication date of this factsheet (see end of document) it only affects single people who are making a claim for Job Seekers Allowance for the first time in Edinburgh (housing status also affects criteria). When it affects you will depend on where you live and any benefits you currently claim. To find out if you can make a claim, and for the latest information, visit [www.gov.uk/universalcredit](http://www.gov.uk/universalcredit)

**Tax Credits:**

Contact HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) for more information at <https://www.gov.uk/qualify-tax-credits> or call **0345 300 3900**.

**Vehicle related schemes:**

**Motability Scheme** - Enhanced rate mobility component PIP is required for the scheme. Motability is an independent charity. Further information about the Motability scheme can be found at [**www.motability.co.uk**](http://www.motability.co.uk)

**Vehicle Excise Duty exemption/reduction** - Enhanced rate mobility component PIP - full exemption. Standard rate mobility component PIP (50% reduction) - administered by the HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC). Please note the qualifying vehicle has to be primarily used or used for the disabled person. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/vehicle-exempt-from-car-tax>

**In Scotland:**

**Concessionary Travel Pass, without further assessment:**

Any rate or component of PIP daily living. This is administered by local authorities, with each having their own application process. More information available at: <https://www.transport.gov.scot/concessionary-travel>

**Blue Badge Disabled Parking Scheme, without further assessment:**

With regard to Mobility Component of PIP - 8 points or more under activity 12 (Moving around) **or** 12 points under activity 11 (Planning and following a journey). This is also administered by the local authority and you need to complete an application form and pay a fee £20 (in Edinburgh current rate as of 2021). Further information can be found on the Blue Badge Scheme Scotland at [https://www.mygov.scot/apply-blue-badge/](https://www.mygov.scot/apply-blue-badge/?via=http://www.bluebadgescotland.org/)

**Disabled Person’s Railcard - for a third off most rail fares:**

Any rate or component of PIP. If you're travelling with another adult they will also get 1/3 off their rail fare. For one year it costs £20, a three year pass costs £54. This is administered by National Rail, For more information visit:

<https://www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk/using-your-railcard/the-benefits/>

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