

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) appeal clearances by primary disabling condition – April 2013 to March 2020

Disability category	Disability subgroup	Appeals - withdrawn/ struck out	Appeals - lapsed	Appeals - overturned	Appeals - upheld	Total
Autoimmune disease (connective tissue disorders)	Antiphospholipid syndrome	10	30	170	40	240
	Other autoimmune disease	20	40	180	100	340
	Sjogren's syndrome	#	20	70	30	130
	Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)	60	170	720	350	1,290
	Systemic sclerosis (scleroderma)	#	30	80	20	130
	Vasculitis	30	100	280	120	520
Cardiovascular disease	Aneurysm	20	80	310	120	530
	Cardiac arrhythmias	90	220	830	540	1,670
	Cardiac failure	50	150	530	270	1,000
	Cardiomyopathy	30	80	360	180	660
	Congenital heart disease	30	150	570	300	1,060
	Heart transplantation	10	20	40	10	80
	Hypertension	20	70	320	180	580
	Ischaemic heart disease (coronary artery disease)	290	670	2,850	1,800	5,610
	Other cardiovascular disease	50	130	540	250	970
	Pericarditis	#	#	10	10	20
	Peripheral arterial disease	60	150	620	340	1,170
	Peripheral venous disease	40	120	570	270	1,000
	Valve disease	30	90	280	180	580
Diseases of the immune system	Hypersensitivity diseases	10	20	80	80	180
	Other diseases of the immune system	#	20	50	20	100
Diseases of the liver, gallbladder, biliary tract	Chronic hepatitis	#	10	90	50	150
	Cirrhosis	40	140	540	240	960
	Disease of gallbladder and biliary tract	#	10	60	40	110
	Diseases of the pancreas	20	70	310	150	550
	Liver failure	10	50	120	60	240
	Liver transplantation	10	30	80	40	150
Endocrine disease	Adrenal disease	10	40	150	110	310
	Hypothalamic and pituitary disease	10	30	130	80	250
	Other endocrine diseases	10	10	70	40	120
	Pancreatic disease	230	720	3,540	2,090	6,580
	Parathyroid disease	#	10	40	30	70
	Thyroid disease	20	50	210	160	430
Gastrointestinal disease	Abdominal hernias	20	40	230	100	390

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	Benign tumours of the gastrointestinal tract	0	#	#	#	10
	Congenital disorders of the GI tract	#	10	50	20	70
	Diseases of the colon	20	70	300	190	580
	Diseases of the oesophagus, stomach and duodenum	10	50	240	160	460
	Diseases of the rectum and anus	10	30	130	80	240
	Diseases of the small bowel	10	60	250	140	460
	Inflammatory bowel disease	120	420	2,060	1,340	3,930
	Irritable bowel syndrome	30	50	360	320	750
	Other diseases of the gastrointestinal tract	30	100	420	230	780
Genitourinary disease	Diseases of bladder, urethra, prostate, testes and penis	30	50	210	150	440
	Diseases of the ovary, uterus, cervix, vagina and vulva	20	60	280	220	570
	Kidney disease	60	260	940	430	1,700
	Other genitourinary disease	10	10	60	40	120
	Renal failure	50	230	790	310	1,370
	Urinary incontinence	10	80	380	240	710
Haematological Disease	Anaemia	10	40	150	90	290
	Blood disorders	10	20	130	60	230
	Clotting disorders	20	50	110	60	240
	Haemolytic disorders	20	70	370	160	640
	Metabolic red cell disorders	#	20	30	10	60
	Platelet disorders	#	10	30	20	70
Hearing disorders	Conductive hearing loss	30	70	460	280	840
	Mixed hearing loss	20	70	390	190	660
	Other diseases affecting hearing & balance	30	80	450	200	760
	Sensorineural hearing loss	90	280	1,600	700	2,680
Infectious disease	Bacterial diseases	10	10	60	30	110
	Other infectious diseases	0	#	30	10	40
	Protozoal diseases	0	#	#	0	#
	Viral diseases	30	140	540	250	960
Malignant disease	Cancer of breast	110	350	850	540	1,840
	Cancer of the brain and spinal cord	20	110	330	80	530
	Cancers of bone	10	40	140	30	220
	Cancers of the adrenal gland	0	#	10	#	10
	Cancers of the gastrointestinal tract	100	300	800	290	1,500

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	Cancers of the genitourinary tract	70	200	510	280	1,050
	Cancers of the haematological system	70	260	610	260	1,200
	Cancers of the respiratory tract	40	170	330	110	650
	Cancers of the skin	#	20	60	30	110
	Other cancers	#	10	20	10	40
	Other sarcomas	#	10	40	10	70
	Unknown primary	30	80	330	130	570
Metabolic disease	Amyloidosis	0	10	10	#	20
	Hyperlipidaemia	0	#	10	#	10
	Inborn errors of metabolism	#	#	20	10	40
	Obesity	20	80	290	90	470
	Other metabolic diseases	0	10	40	20	70
	Porphyria	0	#	10	#	10
Multisystem and extremes of age	Extremes of age	0	#	#	#	10
	Multisystem	#	10	40	10	60
Musculoskeletal disease (general)	Benign tumours of bone	#	#	20	10	40
	Chronic pain syndromes	1,450	4,490	15,880	9,670	31,480
	Crystal deposition disorders	30	50	220	160	460
	Fracture complications	40	90	390	210	730
	Genetic disorders, dysplasias and malformations	80	330	1,160	540	2,100
	Inflammatory arthritis	1,130	3,270	13,190	6,410	23,990
	Metabolic and endocrine disorders	80	230	870	450	1,630
	Osteoarthritis	1,740	4,640	16,770	8,800	31,940
	Osteonecrosis and osteochondritis	10	10	50	20	80
	Other generalised musculoskeletal disease	80	190	860	450	1,580
Musculoskeletal disease (regional)	Amputations	70	410	1,180	260	1,930
	Ankle and foot disorders	130	400	1,800	990	3,320
	Elbow disorders	10	20	80	90	210
	Hip disorders	100	320	1,150	620	2,190
	Injuries/fracture/Dislocation	230	760	3,010	1,640	5,640
	Knee disorders	140	410	1,560	1,000	3,110
	Neck disorders	140	340	1,410	920	2,800
	Non specific back pain	430	1,070	4,770	3,130	9,400
	Other regional musculoskeletal disease	40	140	610	350	1,140

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	Shoulder disorders	60	190	950	720	1,920
	Specific back pain	1,230	3,410	12,350	7,150	24,140
	Wrist and hand disorders	100	240	1,090	770	2,200
Neurological disease	Ataxia	10	100	330	50	500
	Benign tumours	40	180	610	220	1,050
	Cerebral palsy	70	440	1,350	310	2,170
	Cerebrovascular disease	310	1,230	4,350	1,260	7,140
	Degenerative neuronal diseases	10	40	120	30	200
	Disease of muscle	30	140	480	180	830
	Epilepsy	400	2,020	9,710	2,980	15,100
	Head injury	80	450	1,440	360	2,320
	Headache	80	260	1,250	840	2,430
	Hydrocephalus	10	60	210	60	330
	Infections	30	130	480	120	770
	Movement disorders	80	470	1,170	340	2,060
	Multiple sclerosis	260	1,370	3,580	910	6,120
	Muscular dystrophy	20	90	270	70	440
	Neuropathy	110	400	1,580	550	2,650
	Non epileptic disturbance of consciousness	50	230	760	330	1,360
	Other neurological disorders	80	300	1,100	380	1,860
	Peripheral nerve injury	20	100	370	200	690
	Spina bifida	30	160	440	120	740
	Spinal cord compression	40	210	500	170	910
Psychiatric disorders	Anxiety disorders	280	1,180	5,610	2,590	9,660
	Autistic spectrum disorders	290	2,680	8,510	2,170	13,650
	Cognitive disorders	30	260	590	140	1,030
	Conduct disorder (including oppositional defiant disorder)	#	20	50	20	100
	Eating disorders	20	120	370	100	610
	Enuresis	0	0	#	#	#
	Factitious disorder	#	#	10	10	10
	Faecal soiling (encopresis)	0	#	10	#	10
	Hyperkinetic disorder	140	960	3,530	1,530	6,160
	Learning disability global	90	840	2,780	520	4,230
	Mixed anxiety and depressive disorders	1,610	8,100	29,390	13,730	52,830

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	Mood disorders	800	3,490	13,700	5,850	23,840
	Obsessive compulsive disorder	30	310	1,220	370	1,930
	Other psychiatric disorders of childhood	#	10	40	10	60
	Personality disorder	160	1,220	3,910	1,160	6,440
	Psychotic disorders	630	2,990	10,430	2,380	16,430
	Somatoform and dissociative disorders	10	40	120	40	210
	Specific learning disorder	120	760	2,870	740	4,480
	Stress reactions	190	1,020	3,460	1,240	5,910
	Substance (mis) use disorders	100	380	1,690	870	3,040
Respiratory disease	Asthma	140	440	1,900	1,190	3,670
	Bronchiectasis	20	60	150	100	330
	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (chronic bronchitis/emphysema)	680	2,060	7,650	4,060	14,460
	Cystic fibrosis	10	120	350	80	560
	Disease of the pleura	10	10	70	40	120
	Diseases of the upper respiratory tract	20	60	210	170	450
	Granulomatous lung disease and pulmonary infiltration	20	90	260	120	490
	Heart and lung transplantation	0	#	#	#	10
	Infectious diseases of the respiratory tract	10	10	30	20	60
	Lung transplantation	#	10	10	10	30
	Other diseases of the lower respiratory tract	20	50	180	110	350
	Pneumoconiosis	#	10	30	10	40
	Pulmonary embolus	10	20	60	40	130
	Pulmonary fibrosis	20	50	120	40	230
Skin disease	Bullous disease	#	20	70	30	120
	Burns	#	20	60	30	110
	Diseases of blood vessels/lymphatics	40	180	590	230	1,030
	Diseases of collagen and elastic tissue	30	120	340	130	620
	Infections and parasites	20	20	110	60	210
	Other skin disease	10	40	220	120	380
	Papulosquamous and inflammatory rashes	30	80	440	290	830
Unknown or missing	Unknown or missing	360	2,310	2,040	1,520	6,240
Visual disease	Cataract	10	30	130	40	200
	Diseases of conjunctiva, cornea, eyelids and lacrimal apparatus	10	50	180	100	340
	Diseases of the retina and optic nerve	40	210	760	200	1,210

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	Disorders of eye movement	10	40	220	60	330
	Glaucoma	10	40	230	80	350
	Injuries - Visual	10	20	80	60	160
	Other diseases affecting vision	30	130	520	140	820
	Refractive errors	#	20	70	20	100
	Uveitis	#	10	40	20	70
	Visual field defects	30	150	550	170	910
	Vitreous disease	#	#	20	#	20

Notes:

1. The figures cover appeals against decisions prior to an assessment being completed, appeals against initial decisions following a PIP assessment, as well appeals against Award Reviews and Change of Circumstances.
2. Data is based on primary disabling condition as recorded on the PIP computer systems. Claimants may often have multiple disabling conditions upon which the decision is based but only the primary condition is shown in these statistics. In the application process, claimants' primary disabling condition is only recorded for collation by the Department at assessment.
3. Appeals data is taken from the DWP PIP computer system's management information. Therefore, this appeal data may differ from that held by Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service for various reasons such as delays in data recording and other methodological differences in collating and preparing statistics.
4. Definition of Appeal: If the claimant disagrees with the MR decision, they have the right to lodge an appeal with Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS).
5. Definition of 'Appeals - withdrawn/struck out' - includes where an appeal is brought to an end, or cleared, without a determination on the issue in dispute. Struck out appeal is where the proceedings have been brought to an end by the Tribunal Judge.
6. Definition of 'Appeals - lapsed' - where DWP changed the decision (in the customer's favour) after an appeal was lodged but before it was heard at a tribunal hearing.
7. Definition of 'Appeals - overturned' - where the DWP decision is revised in favour of the customer at a tribunal hearing.
8. Definition of 'Appeals - upheld' - where the DWP decision is upheld at a tribunal hearing.
9. '#' Fewer than 5 cases in this category.
10. Includes both 'normal rules' and special rules for terminally ill people (SRTI).
11. Great Britain only.
12. This data is unpublished data. It should be used with caution and it may be subject to future revision.