

Decision notice

First-Tier Tribunal - Social Security

Appellant: Manish Sharma

Respondent: Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Appeal reference: SC242/16/03435

Tribunal judge: Mrs S Evans **Date of decision:** 11 April 2018

The appeal has been decided in your favour

You are entitled to Personal Independence Payment (PIP) at the following rates:

Daily living	Standard rate
Mobility	No award

You are eligible for PIP at the above rates from 3 March 2017 until 3 March 2020.

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) are responsible for paying you the benefit and any back payments owed. This decision has been communicated to them.

How we made our decision

We reached the decision by considering all the evidence you and DWP submitted in relation to your appeal. This included any additional evidence you submitted.

After considering this evidence we acknowledge that you experience pain in your lower back when doing some tasks around the house. Specifically washing yourself and preparing food. We consider that this pain does not hinder you enough to be awarded the enhanced rate of the daily living component of PIP.

You claim that suffer pain while walking and you find it hard to plan a route, but in your written submission you also said you were going regularly to the GPs at the time of DWP's decision. You also stated that you made your own way there without the assistance of aids. It is therefore our view that you are not eligible for the Mobility aspect of PIP at any rate

PIP activities and the descriptors we consider apply to your appeal

Activity	Descriptor	Points
Preparing food	Needs to use an aid or appliance to be able to prepare or cook a simple meal	2
Washing and bathing	Needs to use an aid or appliance to be able to wash or bathe	2
Managing toilet needs or incontinence	Needs to use an aid or appliance to be able to manage my toilet needs or incontinence	2
Dressing and undressing	Needs to use an aid or appliance to be able to dress or undress	2