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Supplementary forecast information release

Tightening the qualifying criteria for the daily living component of personal independence payment

- 1.1 The OBR is releasing further information regarding the policy costing for tightening the qualifying criteria for the daily living component of personal independence payment (PIP) in our March 2025 *Economic and fiscal outlook (EFO)*. This follows a request for additional information on the number of individuals who will face an award review during the forecast period and the number who will be disallowed at award review due to the policy.
- 1.2 We expect 1.64 million PIP claimants will have an award review between November 2026 and March 2030. Of these, we expect roughly a quarter (430,000) will lose their daily living award as a result of the tightened criteria. We expect the net impact of these additional disallowals on the caseload to be 390,000 by March 2030,¹ as 40,000 of those disallowed due to the policy would have subsequently left the caseload later in the forecast period.

Table 1.1: Individuals affected by the tightened PIP criteria at award review

	Thousand			
	Forecast			
	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Cumulative individual award reviews	230	890	1,390	1,640
Cumulative additional disallowals ¹	80	250	370	430
Cumulative net caseload impact ²	80	240	350	390

¹ Only includes additional disallowals due to the policy (i.e. does not include disallowals that would have occurred without the tightened criteria).

² Some of those disallowed at award review due to the policy would have left the caseload naturally at a subsequent point in the forecast period, reducing the net policy impact on caseload by the forecast horizon. We account for these natural exits in this line to give the net policy impact on the caseload via award reviews.

Note: 2026-27 only includes award reviews from November 2026, after the policy has been introduced. Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten thousand.

¹ This is higher than the 370,000 published in DWP's *Spring Statement 2025 health and disability reforms – impacts*, which refers to the 2029-30 annual average impact.