

SCHEDULE 1

Personal independence payment assessment

PART 1

Interpretation

In this Schedule—

“aided” means with—

- (a) the use of an aid or appliance; or
- (b) supervision, prompting or assistance;

“assistance” means physical intervention by another person and does not include speech;

“assistance dog” means a dog trained to guide or assist a person with a sensory impairment;

“basic verbal information” means information in C’s native language conveyed verbally in a simple sentence;

“basic written information” means signs, symbols and dates written or printed standard size text in C’s native language;

“bathe” includes get into or out of an unadapted bath or shower;

“communication support” means support from a person trained or experienced in communicating with people with specific communication needs, including interpreting verbal information into non-verbal form and vice versa;

“complex budgeting decisions” means decisions involving—

- (a) calculating household and personal budgets;
- (b) managing and paying bills; and
- (c) planning future purchases;

“complex verbal information” means information in C’s native language conveyed verbally in either more than one sentence or one complicated sentence;

“complex written information” means more than one sentence of written or printed standard size text in C’s native language;

“cook” means heat food at or above waist height;

“dress and undress” includes put on and take off socks and shoes;

“engage socially” means—

- (a) interact with others in a contextually and socially appropriate manner;
- (b) understand body language; and
- (c) establish relationships;

“manage incontinence” means manage involuntary evacuation of the bowel or bladder, including use a collecting device or self-catheterisation, and clean oneself afterwards;

“manage medication or therapy” means take medication or undertake therapy, where a failure to do so is likely to result in a deterioration in C’s health;

“medication” means medication to be taken at home which is prescribed or recommended by a registered—

- (a) doctor;
- (b) nurse; or

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).

(c) pharmacist;

“monitor health” means—

- (a) detect significant changes in C’s health condition which are likely to lead to a deterioration in C’s health; and
- (b) take action advised by a—
 - (i) registered doctor,
 - (ii) registered nurse,
 - (iii) social worker regulated by the Northern Ireland Social Care Council, or
 - (iv) health professional who is regulated by the Health and Care Professions Council, without which C’s health is likely to deteriorate;

“orientation aid” means a specialist aid designed to assist disabled people to follow a route safely;

“prepare”, in the context of food, means make food ready for cooking or eating;

“prompting” means reminding, encouraging or explaining by another person;

“psychological distress” means distress related to an enduring mental health condition or an intellectual or cognitive impairment;

“read” includes read signs, symbols and words but does not include read Braille;

“simple budgeting decisions” means decisions involving—

- (a) calculating the cost of goods; and
- (b) calculating change required after a purchase;

“simple meal” means a cooked one-course meal for one using fresh ingredients;

“social support” means support from a person trained or experienced in assisting people to engage in social situations;

“stand” means stand upright with at least one biological foot on the ground;

“supervision” means the continuous presence of another person for the purpose of ensuring C’s safety;

“take nutrition” means—

- (a) cut food into pieces, convey food and drink to one’s mouth and chew and swallow food and drink; or
- (b) take nutrition by using a therapeutic source;

“therapeutic source” means parenteral or enteral tube feeding, using a rate-limiting device such as a delivery system or feed pump;

“therapy” means therapy to be undertaken at home which is prescribed or recommended by a—

- (a) registered doctor;
- (b) registered nurse;
- (c) registered pharmacist;
- (d) social worker regulated by the Northern Ireland Social Care Council; or
- (e) health professional regulated by the Health and Care Professions Council;

“toilet needs” means—

- (a) getting on and off an unadapted toilet;
- (b) evacuating the bladder and bowel; and

(c) cleaning oneself afterwards;

“unaided” means without—

(a) the use of an aid or appliance; or

(b) supervision, prompting or assistance.