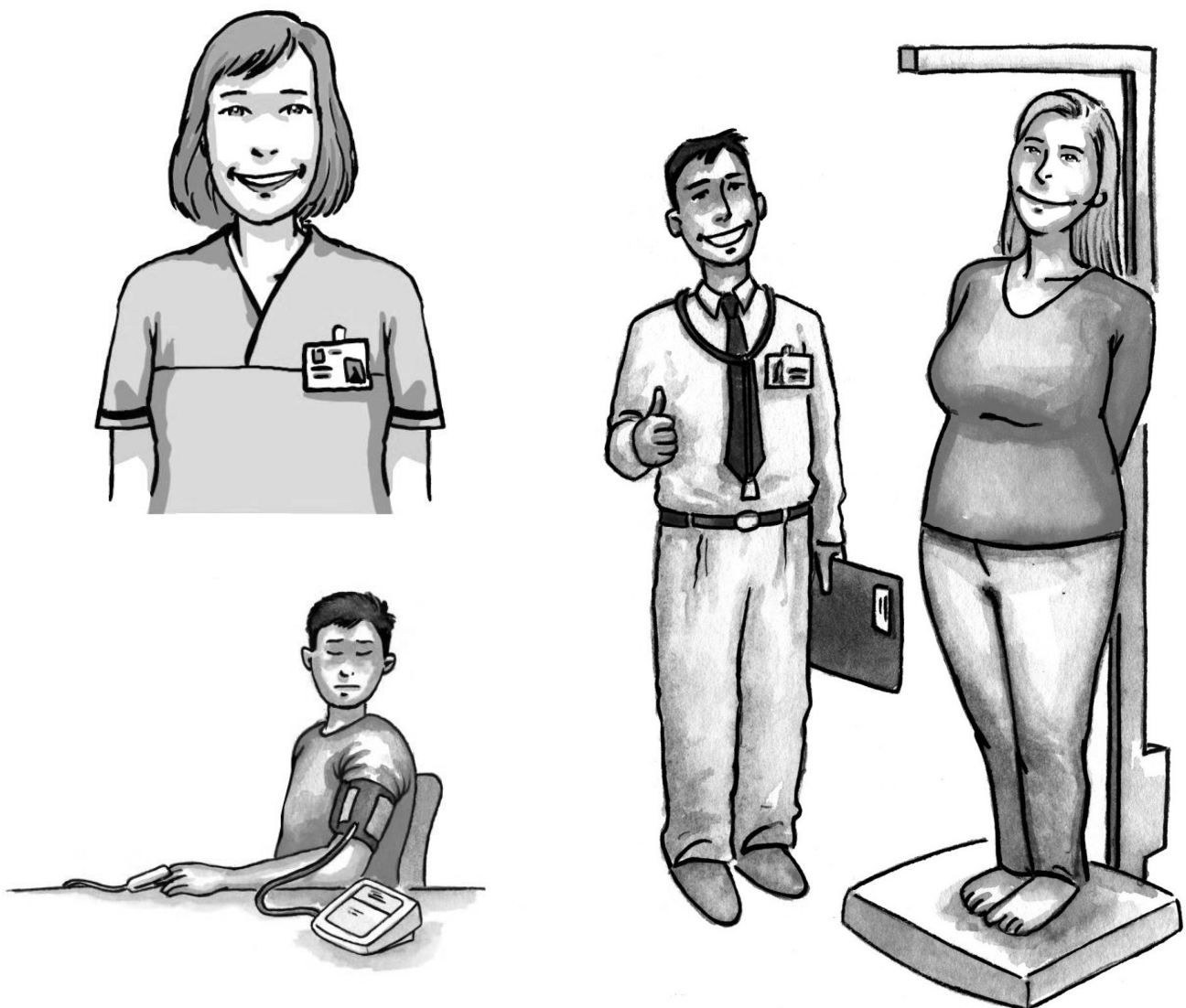


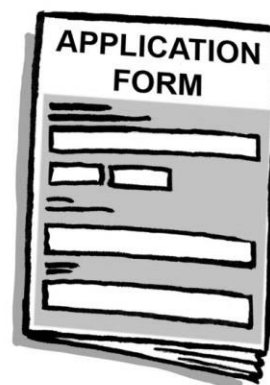
Attending a Medical

A guide for people with learning disabilities



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You might be asked to go for a medical assessment if you apply for Personal Independence Payment (PIP). The assessment will be done by an organisation called ATOS.



Personal Independence Payment (PIP)



Take along your appointment letter.

Have someone support you to attend if needed.



ATOS can get a Taxi (free of charge) to take you to some assessment centres if needed, or they can do a home visit if you can't get to the assessment centre. You will need to ask for this before the assessment, to give ATOS time to arrange it.



You must tell ATOS as soon as possible if you can't make it to the medical so they can arrange a new appointment for you.

You may have to wait a while to be seen if ATOS are running late.



The assessor will ask you lots of questions about how your disability or illness affects your daily life. Try to give as much information as you can and explain what you find difficult.

Take your time to answer and if you do not understand the questions, tell the assessor this so that they can explain more clearly.

You might be asked to go for a medical assessment if you apply for Employment Support Allowance (ESA). The assessment will be done by an organisation called Maximus.

Employment Support Allowance (ESA) Work Capability Assessment



Take along your appointment letter and another form of identification like your bus pass or birth certificate.



Have someone support you to attend if needed.

You must tell the DWP if you cannot make it to the appointment. You might lose your benefit if you do not!



Keep a note of any travel costs (bus, train tickets) or notes of mileage as this can be paid back to you.



You will be asked lots of questions about your health and illness and how it affects your daily life. They will use this information to assess your ability to perform in a workplace or to take part in activities that will make you more able to work.



It is important to give as much information as possible at this appointment as the DWP will use it to decide how much benefit you will get.

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