

Infected Blood Interim Compensation Payment

Benefits and Tax disregards Information Sheet

England

Social Security Benefits

If you receive Universal Credit, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, Income Support, income-related Employment and Support Allowance and/or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance you must inform the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) or the Department of Communities in Northern Ireland that you have received an Infected Blood Interim Compensation Scheme payment. You must also inform your local authority if you are only receiving Housing Benefit and do not receive any of the benefits listed above.

This payment will be disregarded when calculating your benefit entitlement.

You can contact DWP using the number at the top of any letters you have been sent about your benefit(s). DWP contact details can also be found on <http://www.gov.uk/>.

You can report a change of circumstances by signing into your Universal Credit account.

If you only receive Housing Benefit, you will need to contact your local authority.

Council Tax Reduction

If you are in receipt of a council tax reduction you must tell your local authority that you have received this payment. For persons of pension age the payment will automatically be disregarded when calculating your entitlement to a reduction. Councils are responsible for designing reduction schemes for working age people and the Government has encouraged them to disregard the payments.

Social Care

If you are in receipt of local authority funded social care support, or if you are undergoing a social care financial assessment, you should inform your local authority that you have received this payment.

However, this will be disregarded by the local authority as a payment under an "approved blood scheme".

The disregard is in the Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014. Therefore, the local authority must not take this payment into account when determining how much you can afford to contribute towards your care costs either from your assets or from your income.

Further information on the disregard regulations can be found at
<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/eibss-resources>