

Housing Benefit Circular

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WHO SHOULD READ	All Housing Benefit staff
ACTION	For information
SUBJECT	Payment for the Verify Earnings and Pension Alerts service 2018

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Payment for the Verify Earnings and Pension Alerts service 2018

Introduction

1. This circular is to confirm the funding allocated to local authorities (LAs) to support the administration of the Verify Earnings and Pensions (VEP) Alerts service, due to be rolled out to LAs from 30 May 2018.
2. LAs who did not contact us by the deadline to opt out will have received the funding allocations shown in Annex A. A letter confirming the details of each LA's funding allocation was issued to LAs on 25 April 2018, with the first upfront payment being made into LA bank accounts on 30 April 2018.
3. Acceptance of this payment means your LA has agreed to maintain and/or increase resources to combat income related fraud and error, notified to your LA via the VEP Alerts service and the Real Time Information (RTI) referrals, due to be shared with LAs in the intervening period. Further details regarding this payment can be found in the launch letter dated 3 April 2018 and the circular [HB A5/2018](#), published on 12 April 2018.
4. Funding is to provide LAs with the capacity to process the VEP Alerts and/or the RTI referrals. The funding will enable LAs to maintain or increase the capacity/resources currently in place for processing RTI Bulk Data Match and/or Optional RTI referrals from April 2018 onwards. LAs are advised to use the funding to process as many referrals as possible and record activity outcomes.

Funding details

5. For 2018-19 a total of £25 million has been allocated to LAs, which has been split into two payments with £20 million being paid to LAs in April 2018, and an additional £5 million due in Quarter 4 2018-19, subject to the criteria laid out in circular HB A5/2018. As VEP Alerts focus on earnings and pensions cases, funding has been apportioned across LAs based on their earnings caseload. Two weightings have been applied to account for:
 - the differences in labour costs across the country
 - the forecasted reduction in Housing Benefit caseloads as Universal Credit continues to rollout.

VEP Alerts Service Payments: April 2018

LA Name	Payment amount
Aberdeen City Council	£61,027.00
Aberdeenshire Council	£44,701.00
Adur District Council	£18,541.00
Allerdale Borough Council	£18,145.00
Amber Valley Borough Council	£29,336.00
Angus Council	£14,833.00
Argyll & Bute Council	£21,865.00
Arun District Council	£48,642.00
Ashfield District Council	£35,330.00
Ashford Borough Council	£27,996.00
Aylesbury Vale District Council	£57,148.00
Babergh District Council	£18,786.00
London Borough of Barking & Dagenham	£140,178.00
London Borough of Barnet	£216,549.00
Barnsley Borough Council	£60,665.00
Barrow Borough Council	£14,428.00
Basildon District Council	£57,491.00
Basingstoke District Council	£58,902.00
Bassetlaw District Council	£14,558.00
Bath & NE Somerset Council	£37,434.00
Bedford Borough Council	£33,869.00
London Borough of Bexley	£96,536.00
Birmingham City Council	£359,239.00
Blaby District Council	£16,177.00
Blackburn Borough Council	£42,608.00
Blackpool Borough Council	£62,413.00
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	£12,627.00
Bolsover District Council	£19,778.00
Bolton Borough Council	£81,811.00
Boston Borough Council	£23,818.00
Bournemouth Borough Council	£72,297.00
Bracknell Forest Borough Council	£43,238.00
Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council	£164,600.00
Braintree District Council	£37,883.00
Breckland District Council	£36,915.00
London Borough of Brent	£338,666.00
Brentwood District Council	£15,910.00
Bridgend County Borough Council	£28,847.00
Brighton & Hove Council	£77,404.00
Bristol City Council	£158,588.00
Broadland District Council	£22,606.00

LA Name	Payment amount
London Borough of Bromley	£99,585.00
Bromsgrove District Council	£18,510.00
Broxbourne Borough Council	£40,710.00
Broxtowe Council	£23,216.00
Burnley Borough Council	£16,734.00
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council	£49,141.00
Caerphilly County Borough Council	£46,097.00
Calderdale Borough Council	£48,703.00
Cambridge City Council	£31,733.00
London Borough of Camden	£150,098.00
Cannock Chase District Council	£28,078.00
Canterbury City Council	£44,351.00
Cardiff City Council	£85,819.00
Allerdale Borough Council IRO Carlisle City Council	£26,899.00
Carmarthenshire County Council	£30,588.00
Castle Point District Council	£20,814.00
Central Bedfordshire	£75,801.00
Ceredigion Council	£15,219.00
Charnwood Borough Council	£35,357.00
Chelmsford Borough Council	£46,231.00
Cheltenham Borough Council	£26,931.00
Cherwell District Council	£43,867.00
Cheshire East Council	£77,276.00
Cheshire West And Chester	£73,651.00
Chesterfield Borough Council	£26,409.00
Chichester District Council	£28,299.00
Chiltern District Council	£22,142.00
Chorley Borough Council	£25,441.00
Christchurch Borough Council C/O Stour Valley Partnership	£13,546.00
City of London	£6,668.00
Clackmannanshire Council	£15,387.00
Colchester Borough Council	£54,039.00
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar Council	£6,000.00
Conwy County Borough Council	£31,537.00
Allerdale Borough Council IRO Copeland BC	£14,465.00
Corby Borough Council	£14,503.00
Cornwall Council	£165,579.00
Cotswold District Council	£12,848.00
Coventry City Council	£126,003.00
Craven District Council	£8,758.00
Crawley Borough Council	£81,987.00
London Borough of Croydon	£175,695.00
Dacorum Borough Council	£62,781.00
Darlington Borough Council	£40,587.00
Dartford Borough Council	£33,835.00

LA Name	Payment amount
Daventry District Council	£6,878.00
Denbighshire County Council	£28,291.00
Derby City Council	£77,306.00
Derbyshire Dales District Council	£14,587.00
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	£49,371.00
Dover District Council	£32,632.00
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council.	£71,499.00
Dumfries & Galloway Council	£24,240.00
Dundee City Council	£57,667.00
Durham County Council	£143,915.00
London Borough of Ealing	£249,695.00
East Ayrshire Council	£15,809.00
East Cambridgeshire District Council	£23,494.00
East Devon District Council	£36,371.00
East Dorset District Council, C/O Stour Valley Partnership	£15,592.00
East Dunbartonshire Council	£9,049.00
East Hampshire District Council	£27,900.00
East Hertfordshire District Council	£41,831.00
East Lindsey District Council	£36,082.00
East Lothian District Council	£8,698.00
East Northants District Council	£20,902.00
East Renfrewshire Council	£16,514.00
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	£78,134.00
East Staffordshire Borough Council	£30,947.00
Eastbourne Borough Council	£29,908.00
Eastleigh Borough Council	£29,964.00
Eden District Council	£6,000.00
City of Edinburgh Council	£135,571.00
Elmbridge Borough Council	£42,841.00
London Borough of Enfield	£279,454.00
Epping Forest District Council	£30,212.00
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	£21,895.00
Erewash Borough Council	£22,407.00
Exeter City Council	£38,687.00
Falkirk District Council	£35,235.00
Fareham Borough Council	£25,167.00
Fenland District Council	£30,768.00
Fife Council	£103,747.00
Flintshire County Council	£31,250.00
Forest Heath District Council	£18,041.00
Forest of Dean District Council	£12,973.00
Fylde Borough Council C/O Blackpool Council Benefits Service	£18,352.00
Gateshead Borough Council	£70,713.00
Gedling Borough Council	£28,460.00
City of Glasgow	£275,070.00

LA Name	Payment amount
Gloucester City Council	£42,895.00
Gosport Borough Council	£37,568.00
Gravesham Borough Council	£37,773.00
Great Yarmouth Council	£22,135.00
London Borough of Greenwich	£195,674.00
Guildford Borough Council	£39,235.00
Gwynedd Council	£25,494.00
London Borough of Hackney	£319,684.00
Halton Borough Council	£26,994.00
Hambleton District Council	£16,286.00
London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham	£102,673.00
Harborough District Council	£10,770.00
London Borough of Haringey	£234,421.00
Harlow District Council	£39,197.00
Harrogate Borough Council	£14,137.00
Harrow Council London	£137,443.00
Hart District Council	£15,477.00
Hartlepool Borough Council	£27,664.00
Hastings Borough Council	£29,525.00
Havant Borough Council	£32,957.00
London Borough of Havering	£97,280.00
Herefordshire Council	£48,306.00
Hertsmere Borough Council	£41,410.00
High Peak Borough Council	£15,124.00
Highland Council	£20,686.00
London Borough of Hillingdon	£170,638.00
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	£16,433.00
Mid Sussex Dc. IRO Horsham DC.	£31,298.00
London Borough of Hounslow	£82,513.00
Huntingdon District Council	£21,766.00
Hyndburn Borough Council	£18,530.00
Inverclyde District Council	£20,057.00
Ipswich Borough Council	£50,639.00
Isle of Anglesey County Council	£18,143.00
Isle of Wight County Council	£36,119.00
Isles of Scilly Council	£0.00
London Borough of Islington	£153,288.00
London Borough of Kensington & Chelsea	£83,017.00
Kettering Borough Council	£22,050.00
Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council	£30,113.00
Kingston Upon Hull Council	£98,112.00
London Borough Kingston Upon Thames	£59,360.00
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council	£117,879.00
Knowsley Borough Council	£40,091.00
London Borough of Lambeth	£249,089.00

LA Name	Payment amount
Lancaster City Council	£24,258.00
Leeds City Council	£262,198.00
Leicester City Council	£130,333.00
Lewes District Council	£34,567.00
London Borough of Lewisham	£254,007.00
Lichfield District Council	£10,046.00
Lincoln City Council	£28,109.00
Liverpool City Council	£197,568.00
Luton Borough Council	£102,598.00
Maidstone Borough Council	£43,354.00
Maldon District Council	£8,555.00
Malvern Hills District Council	£18,280.00
Manchester City Council	£224,151.00
Mansfield District Council	£15,981.00
Medway Towns Council	£93,592.00
Melton Borough Council	£6,000.00
Mendip District Council	£22,012.00
Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council	£16,678.00
London Borough of Merton	£82,165.00
Mid Devon District Council	£12,867.00
Mid Suffolk District Council	£17,627.00
Mid Sussex District Council	£34,051.00
Middlesbrough Council	£63,412.00
Midlothian Council	£11,574.00
Milton Keynes Borough Council	£132,611.00
Mole Valley District Council	£25,867.00
Monmouthshire County Council	£13,073.00
Moray Council	£11,851.00
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	£38,900.00
New Forest District Council	£33,385.00
Newark District Council	£25,586.00
Newcastle-Under-Lyme Borough Council	£11,252.00
Newcastle City Council	£66,684.00
London Borough Of Newham	£284,037.00
Newport Borough Council	£46,655.00
North Ayrshire Council	£24,691.00
North Devon District Council	£28,372.00
North Dorset District Council, C/O Stour Valley Partnership	£15,000.00
North East Derbyshire District Council	£19,883.00
North East Lincoln Council	£16,195.00
North Hertfordshire District Council	£28,016.00
North Kesteven District Council	£21,366.00
North Lanarkshire Council	£89,738.00
North Lincolnshire Council	£26,655.00
North Norfolk District Council	£19,557.00

LA Name	Payment amount
North Somerset Council	£33,859.00
North Tyneside Borough Council	£60,080.00
North Warwickshire District Council	£17,986.00
North West Leicester District Council	£10,569.00
Northampton Borough Council	£50,258.00
Northumberland County Council	£57,298.00
Norwich City Council	£43,733.00
Nottingham City Council	£62,745.00
Nuneaton Borough Council	£35,965.00
Oadby And Wigston Borough Council	£10,917.00
Oldham Borough Council	£60,487.00
Orkney Islands Council	£6,000.00
Oxford City Council	£61,328.00
Pembrokeshire County Council	£24,161.00
Pendle Borough Council	£16,252.00
Perth & Kinross Council	£16,078.00
Peterborough City Council	£72,017.00
Plymouth City Council	£83,840.00
Poole Borough Council	£41,583.00
Portsmouth City Council	£114,493.00
Powys County Council	£17,451.00
Preston Borough Council	£41,344.00
Purbeck District Council	£10,985.00
Reading Borough Council	£79,564.00
London Borough Of Redbridge	£149,670.00
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	£48,921.00
Borough of Redditch Council	£22,885.00
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council	£45,825.00
Renfrewshire Council	£69,531.00
Rhonda-Cynon-Taff County Borough Council	£51,788.00
Ribble Valley Borough Council	£6,000.00
Richmondshire District Council, C/O Hambleton District Council	£7,465.00
London Borough Of Richmond Upon Thames	£43,980.00
Rochdale Borough Council	£64,233.00
Rochford District Council	£16,076.00
Rossendale Borough Council	£16,205.00
Rother District Council	£15,742.00
Rotherham Borough Council	£54,427.00
Rugby Borough Council	£12,063.00
Runnymede Borough Council	£20,753.00
Rushcliffe Borough Council	£14,432.00
Rushmoor Borough Council	£28,324.00
Rutland County Council	£6,542.00
Ryedale District Council	£9,348.00
Salford City Council	£116,798.00

LA Name	Payment amount
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	£90,499.00
Scarborough Borough Council	£36,891.00
Scottish Borders Council	£30,112.00
Sedgemoor District Council	£26,500.00
Sefton Council	£66,646.00
Selby District Council	£18,342.00
Sevenoaks District Council	£28,778.00
Sheffield City Council	£179,113.00
Shepway District Council	£27,620.00
Shetland Islands Council	£6,000.00
Shropshire	£65,102.00
Slough Borough Council	£87,172.00
Solihull Borough Council	£53,344.00
South Ayrshire Council	£22,529.00
South Buckinghamshire District Council	£14,160.00
South Cambridgeshire District Council	£34,294.00
South Derbyshire District Council	£19,782.00
South Gloucestershire Council	£72,830.00
South Hams District Council	£15,648.00
South Holland District Council	£19,955.00
South Kesteven District Council	£20,602.00
South Lakeland District Council	£19,565.00
South Lanarkshire Council	£70,375.00
South Norfolk District Council	£24,736.00
South Northants Council	£16,939.00
South Oxfordshire District Council	£28,544.00
South Ribble Borough Council	£22,205.00
South Somerset District Council	£35,007.00
South Staffordshire District Council	£19,418.00
South Tyneside Borough Council	£60,825.00
Southampton City Council	£85,617.00
Southend On Sea Borough Council	£54,806.00
London Borough Of Southwark	£188,817.00
Spelthorne Borough Council	£35,299.00
St Albans District Council	£34,988.00
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	£26,168.00
St Helens Borough Council	£46,945.00
Cannock Chase DC IRO. Stafford District Council	£26,014.00
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	£14,663.00
Stevenage Borough Council	£39,444.00
Stirling Council	£12,705.00
Stockport Borough Council	£66,284.00
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	£63,389.00
Stoke on Trent City Council	£56,771.00
Stratford on Avon District Council	£27,246.00

LA Name	Payment amount
Stroud District Council	£23,973.00
Waveney Dc IRO. Suffolk Coastal DC	£27,452.00
Sunderland Borough Council	£110,220.00
Surrey Heath Borough Council	£18,076.00
London Borough of Sutton	£45,017.00
Swale Borough Council	£42,349.00
Swansea City Council	£37,909.00
Swindon Borough Council	£42,813.00
Tameside Borough Council	£76,984.00
Tamworth Borough Council	£18,737.00
Tandridge District Council	£23,557.00
Taunton Deane Borough Council	£21,802.00
Teignbridge District Council	£28,656.00
Telford and Wrekin Council	£74,303.00
Tendring District Council	£58,657.00
Test Valley Borough Council	£26,517.00
Tewkesbury Borough Council	£24,936.00
Thanet District Council	£46,816.00
Three Rivers Council	£25,452.00
Thurrock Borough Council	£44,545.00
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	£27,988.00
Torbay Council	£55,277.00
Torfaen Borough Council	£12,854.00
Torridge District Council	£16,068.00
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	£232,335.00
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	£46,507.00
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, C/O Maidstone Borough Council	£16,526.00
Uttlesford District Council	£9,489.00
Vale of Glamorgan Council	£38,555.00
Vale of White Horse District Council	£25,387.00
Wakefield Council	£86,937.00
Walsall Borough Council	£107,114.00
London Borough of Waltham Forest	£166,320.00
Wandsworth Borough Council	£196,868.00
Warrington Borough Council	£35,705.00
Warwick District Council	£32,300.00
Watford Borough Council	£42,491.00
Waveney District Council	£18,164.00
Waverley Borough Council	£36,953.00
Wealden District Council	£28,955.00
Borough of Wellingborough	£21,233.00
Welwyn Hatfield District Council	£44,446.00
West Berkshire Council	£32,849.00
West Devon Borough Council	£9,996.00
West Dorset District Council	£27,273.00

LA Name	Payment amount
West Dunbartonshire Council	£26,647.00
West Lancashire District Council	£26,462.00
West Lindsey District Council	£14,290.00
West Lothian Council	£35,959.00
West Oxfordshire District Council	£21,691.00
West Somerset District Council	£9,372.00
City of Westminster	£142,459.00
Weymouth & Portland Borough Council	£24,979.00
Wigan Council	£47,294.00
Wiltshire Council	£115,172.00
Winchester City Council	£22,180.00
Windsor & Maidenhead Borough Council.	£41,228.00
Wirral Borough Council	£90,771.00
Woking Borough Council	£32,456.00
Wokingham District Council	£28,770.00
Wolverhampton City Council	£57,035.00
Worcester City Council	£35,066.00
Worthing Borough Council	£36,167.00
Wrexham Council	£43,066.00
Wychavon District Council	£32,473.00
Wycombe District Council	£40,335.00
Wyre Borough Council	£31,246.00
Wyre Forest District Council	£33,780.00
City of York Council	£49,146.00