



NHS TEST AND TRACE SELF-ISOLATION PAYMENT

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INTRODUCTION

- 1 The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has announced a scheme of payments for people on low incomes in areas with a high incidence of Coronavirus, who need to self-isolate and are unable to work from home. Applications, payments and disputes are the responsibility of Local Authorities. The scheme started on 1.9.20.

ELIGIBILITY

- 2 Eligibility is restricted to people who are resident in Blackburn with Darwen, Oldham or Pendle and who meet the following criteria:
 1. They have received notification from NHS Test and Trace;
 2. They have agreed to comply with the notification from NHS Test and Trace and provided contact details to their LA;
 3. They are employed or self-employed;
 4. They are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result.
 5. They are currently receiving UC, WTC, income-related ESA, income-based JSA, IS or SPC or HB.

Virus infection rates are monitored and the scope of the scheme may be subject to change in the future.



THE TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS FOR UC PURPOSES

- 3 Payments under this scheme are not included in unearned income to be taken into account¹ and therefore do not affect UC.

1 UC Regs, reg 66

ANNOTATIONS

Please annotate the number of this memo (ADM 20/20) against ADM paragraph

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CONTACTS

If you have any queries about this memo, please write to Decision Making and Appeals (DMA) Leeds, 3E zone E, Quarry House, Leeds. Existing arrangements for such referrals should be followed, as set out in – Memo [7/19](#) Requesting case guidance from DMA Leeds for all benefits.

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