



MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS IN IIDB AND ESA

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INTRODUCTION

1. This memo gives guidance on changes introduced by the Social Security (Claims and Payments, Employment and Support Allowance, Personal Independence Payment and Universal Credit) (Telephone and Video Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2021. The regulations come into force on 25.3.21¹.

1 SS (C & P, ESA, PIP & UC) (Telephone & Video Assessment) (Amendment) Regs.; reg 1(1)

BACKGROUND

2. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic claimants with health conditions and/or disabilities applying for IIDB and ESA were required, in most circumstances, to attend a face-to-face medical examination. The regulations confirm that medical examinations can be undertaken through a number of channels.

IIDB

3. For IIDB, the amendments coming into force on 25.3.21 confirm that medical examinations conducted by a HCP approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of determining loss of faculty and degree of disablement arising from an accident or prescribed disease, may be conducted in person, by telephone or by video¹.

1 SS (C & P) Regs 79, reg 26(1)(a)



ESA

4. For ESA, the amendments coming into force on 25.3.21 confirm that medical examinations conducted by a HCP approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of determining whether the claimant has LCW¹ or LCWRA², may be conducted in person, by telephone or by video.

ESA regs, reg 23(1); 2 reg 38(1)

ANNOTATIONS

Please annotate the number of this memo (DMG Memo 03/21) against the following DMG paragraphs:

42021, 42480, 42755, 02174 & 69030

CONTACTS

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