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Information request

i would like to know why i have been asked for my mortgage or rent agreement bank statements photo ID i do not believe you are allowed to ask for such things as my bank account etc is private and covered by data protection and or human rights I need this to be clarified as i am sure these are not a automatic right.

DWP response

Every person who makes a claim for benefit may be asked by the Department of Work and Pensions to show documents, certificates, information and evidence in connection with that claim. This could include proof of identity, information regarding savings, income and outgoings and so we may ask to see a passport, bank statements, pay and mortgage statements. The Secretary of State has the power to require this evidence and information under the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987, Regulation 7.