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Why do people in the support group get more money than those in the wrag?

The people in the wrag have as many if not more expenses than the SG, especially if they have to attend workfare; why are they paid at different rates?

DWP response

Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) is paid at different rates depending on an individual's circumstances and where they are in the claim process.

People in the Support Group (SG) are automatically entitled to the Enhanced Disability Premium if they are entitled to Income Related ESA (IR). This provides a minimum income guarantee of £123.70 a week for a single person in the SG compared to £101.15 for a person in the Work Related Activity Group (WRAG).

Those claimants who are placed in the Support Group (SG) are the ones with the most severe health conditions or disabilities who it would not be realistic to expect to move towards employment in the short-term and are likely to have the greatest needs.

Help may be available to people in the WRAG who have expenses in connection with travel costs to attend work related activities