
INFORMATION RELEASED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Information released title	Employment and Support Allowance, fit and sick notes
Original request	<p>To claim ESA the claimant has to have a sick / fit note, how come when he has gone through the assessment process he can be found fit for work or placed in the group to undertake work related activities, and are mandated to 'volunteer' on workfare for their benefit when they are sick?</p> <p>Does having a sick / fit note cause the employer / employee insurance to become null and void?</p>
Date of release	30/10/2014
Requester type	Individual

Information released:

Thank you for your request. I can confirm that the information you requested is not held by the UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES).

UKCES offers guidance on skills and employment issues in the UK. We work with industry and government to help achieve better outcomes in how people get into work and how businesses succeed through the skills and talents of their people. I can advise that UKCES has no role in the administration of the Employment and Support Allowance and therefore holds no information in relation to your request.

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), as the government department responsible for welfare, pensions and child maintenance policy, administers the Employment and Support Allowance. If you have not already done so, then you may wish to send your request to this department. Instructions for submitting a Freedom of Information Request to DWP are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions> (please scroll to the 'Make an FOI request' section, which is located near the bottom of the page). You may also wish to consult the Employment and Support Allowance guidance document, available at: <https://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance/>.