

# **Freedom of Information request 1455/2014**

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## **Information request**

"In cases where the contribution conditions are not satisfied and a claimant is registered for credits only, a sanction cannot be applied. The relevant legislation is Regulation 8A of the Social Security (Credits) Regulations 1975 <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/a3-2351.pdf>

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above."

Could you please state which specific reference in Regulation 8A provides that a claimant registered for credits only cannot be sanctioned?

## **DWP response**

Regulation 8A(1)(a) of the Social Security (Credits) Regulations 1975 provides that a person shall be entitled to be credited for a week in which he satisfied the conditions of entitlement to Jobseeker's Allowance, other than the contribution conditions or the income-based Jobseeker's Allowance conditions. This describes a credits only case.

Regulation 8A(5) sets out the cases where regulation 8A(1) does not apply and does not include cases under regulations 8A(1)(a).