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## Information request

*What specific legislation enables the DWP to ignore (in law) the variation in the cost of living throughout the country, typified by my original question regarding the variation in council tax support, when setting the level of the JSA award (the JSA being a fixed amount, irrespective of where in the country it is claimed)?*

## DWP response

There are several different pieces of primary legislation, under which regulations are made, which cover entitlement to, and other aspects of, income-related benefit payments. The main Act which governs Jobseeker's Allowance is Jobseekers Act 1995:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1995/18/contents>

Information on the amount payable can be found at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1995/18/section/4>

I would also like to refer you to Regulations 79 and 82 in the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996. These set out in 1996 the amount that an individual would need to live on, and that figure has been uprated each year by the Up-rating Order:

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/a11-4001.pdf>