



NHS TEST AND TRACE SELF-ISOLATION PAYMENT

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INTRODUCTION

- 1 The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has announced a scheme of payments for people on low incomes in areas with a high incidence of Coronavirus, who need to self-isolate and are unable to work from home. Applications, payments and disputes are the responsibility of Local Authorities. The scheme started on 1.9.20.

ELIGIBILITY

- 2 Eligibility is restricted to people who are resident in Blackburn with Darwen, Oldham or Pendle and who meet the following criteria:
 1. They have received notification from NHS Test and Trace;
 2. They have agreed to comply with the notification from NHS Test and Trace and provided contact details to their LA;
 3. They are employed or self-employed;
 4. They are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result.
 5. They are currently receiving UC, WTC, ESA(IR), JSA(IB), IS or SPC or HB.

Virus infection rates are monitored and the scope of the scheme may be subject to change in the future.



THE TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS FOR ESA(IR), JSA(IB) and IS PURPOSES

- 3 Payments under this scheme are treated as Local Welfare Provision and disregarded for purposes of ESA(IR)¹, JSA(IB)² and IS³.

1 ESA Regs, Sch 8(35A); 2 JSA Regs, Sch 7(33A); 3 IS (Gen) Regs, Sch 9(31A)

THE TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS FOR SPC PURPOSES

- 4 Payments under this scheme are not included in income or capital to be taken into account in the assessment of SPC¹.

1 SPC Act 02, s 15; SPC Regs, reg 15; SPC Regs, Sch V(20(1)(e))

ANNOTATIONS

Please annotate the number of this memo (DMG 18/20) against DMG paragraphs

28374 (heading), 51247 (heading), 84501, 85283

CONTACTS

If you have any queries about this memo, please write to Decision Making and Appeals (DMA) Leeds, 3E zone E, Quarry House, Leeds. Existing arrangements for such referrals should be followed, as set out in – Memo [4/19](#) Requesting case guidance from DMA Leeds for all benefits.

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