

DMG - Volume 6: JSA and IS

Summary of changes from January 2021

August 2025

Chapter 35 – Hardship

Amendments to DMG Chapter 35 to incorporate Memo 06/25 to include SADLA as a qualifying benefit to be a person in hardship at paragraphs 35106, 35107 and 35108.

April 2025 updates

DMG Memo 06-25: Legacy Benefits and State Pension Credit - The Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Disability Assistance) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2025, added with cross references to the DMG Abbreviations, Statutes & S.I. lists plus DMG chapters 61, 35, Vol 1 Annex A, 02, 04, 03, 04, 53, 23, 41, 44, 78, 20, 28 & 86

November 2024 updates

Chapter 33 Payment questions

Note added at para. 33413, which specifically provides the rate deducted for the tax year 2018/2019. For all subsequent tax year, the rates are shown in Appendix 1.

The changes are following benefit rate increases introduced by the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2023 (SI 2024/242, the Social Security (Contributions) (Limits and Thresholds, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veterans Relief) Regulations 2024 (SI 2024/249) and the Social Security Benefit Up-rating Regulations 2024 (SI 2024/386).

September 2023 updates

Chapter 33 Payment questions

Note at paras. 33490 and 33547 amended and example added to paras. 33497 and 33550.

July 2023 updates

Chapter 33 Payment questions

DMG 33490, DMG 33547

Note added under paragraphs read as follows–

Note: Whether it is in the interest of the claimant or their family to apply a deduction or not, the claimant must be given the opportunity to make representations regarding whether it is in their interest before deductions are imposed. For further information please refer to operational guidance.

April 2023 updates

Chapter 33 Payment questions

DMG Memo 09/22 (IS, SPC, IR ESA, IB JSA - Temporary cease on third party deduction request by fuel suppliers for ongoing consumption) originally would have ceased to have effect from 6 April 2023 but will now be revoked effectively from when The Social Security Benefits (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI 2023/232) makes a permanent change to the process for requesting deductions from benefit for ongoing consumption payments from 1 April 2023. It will require new requests, or requests for increased deductions, to be made by energy suppliers and such deductions will only be made with the claimant's consent. Paragraphs 33498 and 33510 have been updated to reflect the new changes effective from 01/04/2023.

May 2022 updates

Chapter 34 JSA Sanctions

This is to incorporate DMG Memo 05/22 - which inserts guidance re The Restart Scheme which is added to SAPOE Regs from 14.3.22 for JSA claimants and added notes to several paragraphs re: Work Programme which is removed from SAPOE regs from 14.3.22.

Paragraphs amended are 34846/847/848 & 854.

New paragraph at 34864.

Notes added to 34867, 879, 881, 882, 884, 889, 891.

November 2021 updates

Chapter 35 Hardship

Amendments incorporate DMG Memo 09/21 and alters paragraph DMG 35106.

January 2021 updates

Chapter 34 JSA Sanctions

Appendices 6 & 7 inserted to incorporate DMG Memo 11/13 - Jobseekers (Back to Work Schemes) Act 2013 and DMG Memo 23/20 - Jobseekers (Back to Work Schemes) Act 2013 (Remedial) Order 2020 which are now cancelled. New paragraphs referring to the Appendices added at 34009, 34801 and 34846 Note 3.