

## What other support is available?

### New Deal

New Deal can help you find a job or suitable training to bring your skills up to date. If you take part, you will have your own personal adviser who will help you through the first steps of applying for and finding the right job for you. They can also continue to offer you help and advice when you have found a job.

### Job Grant

Job Grant is a tax free payment payable if you are taking up work of at least 16 hours per week. You may get a Job Grant of £250 if you have been getting Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance or a combination of these benefits for a continuous period of at least 26 weeks immediately before moving into work.

You may also receive a Job Grant if your partner is going into full time paid work of at least 24 hours a week, and this means you no longer receive benefits.

You are able to get a Job Grant as well as In Work Credit.

## Where can I get more information?

For more information, please contact Jobcentre Plus and ask to speak to an adviser. Contact Jobcentre Plus by visiting [www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk) or you can find our address and numbers in your local phone book.



Remember that this leaflet is a guide only. It is not meant to say exactly what your legal rights are. While we have tried to make sure that the information in this leaflet is correct at the date shown on the cover, it is possible that there may be incorrect information or some items may be oversimplified. Also, please remember that the information in this leaflet is likely to become less accurate over time, for example because of changes to the law.

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## In Work Credit

Extra help for couples who are parents starting work



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## What is In Work Credit?

In Work Credit could pay you £40 a week for up to 52 weeks on top of money you or your partner earn from a job.

You could get In Work Credit if you are starting a job and working at least 16 hours a week, have a dependent child living with you and have been claiming one of the following benefits at the point of starting work:

- Income Support
- Incapacity Benefit, or
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Severe Disablement Allowance.

You won't have to pay tax on In Work Credit.

If you are a parent and your partner is on Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance, In Work Credit may be payable if they go into work of at least 24 hours per week and as a result your partner's claim to benefit ends.

### How do I know if I can claim In Work Credit?

In work credit for couple parents is available in certain parts of the country. To find out if your address is in the qualifying area, contact your local Jobcentre.

To claim In Work Credit your job or self-employment must be expected to last more than 5 weeks and either you or your partner must have been getting one of the following benefits for 52 weeks or more without a break:

- Income Support
- Incapacity Benefit
- Carer's Allowance, or
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Severe Disablement Allowance
- a combination of these.

You can get a claim form and more information from your local Jobcentre. The claim form for In Work Credit must be completed and returned to Jobcentre Plus within 5 weeks of starting work.

### Will I pay more Income Tax?

In Work Credit will not affect the amount you pay in Income Tax or National Insurance Contributions.

### Will In Work Credit affect any other benefits, credits or allowances I am claiming?

In Work Credit will not affect any amount you are paid through:

- Council Tax Benefit
- Housing Benefit
- Working Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit, or
- Carer's Allowance

If you are claiming another benefit or getting a payment not listed, please speak to Jobcentre Plus.

### How will In Work Credit be paid?

We will pay your In Work Credit into an account. Your account can be with a bank, building society or the Post Office®.

### What if my circumstances change while I am claiming In Work Credit?

If your circumstances change while you are getting In Work Credit you must let your nearest Jobcentre know straight away, particularly if:

- your job ends
- you re-claim benefit, or
- you change your address or bank details

In Work Credit will stop if your job ends, but you may be able to claim if you start another job.

