

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our reference: Fol 249

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Dear Lee Jefferson

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on
You asked:

Please kindly provide all formulae which calculate the 'prognosis date' field.

DWP Response:

The prognosis date is initially set by the Healthcare Professional and will vary from case to case. The prognosis is usually set at 3, 6, 12, 24 or 36 months. The exception is an individual in the severe conditions group where no future date is required.

Therefore depending on the prognosis date the calculation will differ:

For the prognosis periods 6 – 36 months the calculation is:

- Date of Assessment + N months (*where N represents the number of months recommended by the Healthcare Professional*)

For the prognosis period of 3 months the calculation is:

- Date of Decision + N Months (*where N represents the number of months recommended by the Healthcare Professional*).

The 3 month prognosis date calculation is different as the start of the re-assessment process is triggered 3 months in advance of the next assessment and therefore this prevents the new date being set immediately and before the decision has been made.

For this calculation a month is measured in calendar days.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk or by writing to: DWP, Central FoI Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

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