

REVISED ESA65B LETTER

We no longer need Statements of Fitness for Work (known as fit notes) for your patient as they are fit for work

Dear Doctor

Patient's name:

Address:

Date of birth:

Following your patient's Work Capability Assessment, we've decided they are fit to do some types of work, but this might not be the same as they have done before.

This means you no longer need to provide fit notes for their Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) claim.

Providing fit notes in the future for their ESA claim

Subject to your clinical discretion you may issue further fit notes in the future to your patient if:

- their condition gets worse
- they develop a new disability or health condition
- **they ask you for evidence for a reconsideration or appeal against our decision.**

Further guidance for GPs on completing fit notes is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fit-note-guidance-for-gps>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-short-guide-to-the-benefit-system-for-general-practitioners>

Helping people back into work

We know most people are better off in work, so we are encouraging your patient to find out what type of work they may be able to do with their health condition or disability through focused support at their local Jobcentre Plus. Their work coach will take your patient's illness, health condition, or disability into account when setting work requirements.

Your patient has agreed that we can tell you about the decision.

We've sent your patient a summary of their Work Capability Assessment outcome.

We may need to contact you again about your patient's disability, illness or health condition in the future.

If you have any questions about this letter or you need it in Braille, large print, or audio please call us on the number at the top of this letter.

Thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,

[name]

Manager