

DWP Policy Group Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: FOI2019/07163

8 March 2019

Dear Trudy Baddams,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 19 February. You asked:

Someone who cares for sick or elderly or children can they claim credits on their national insurance contributions while caring for the above?

For example a woman has a child in 1978, then has a further child in 1994 can she claim national insurance credits during this time?

Another example: A woman in her 60's caring for an elderly relative can she claim national insurance credits?

A woman caring for a disabled child/youth/adult can she claim national insurance credits throughout the role of caring?

DWP Response:

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available on the government's GOV.UK website.

However, in the interests of customer service, the links below may be of particular assistance to you:

National Insurance credits: <https://www.gov.uk/national-insurance-credits/eligibility>

Child Benefit: <https://www.gov.uk/child-benefit>

Home Responsibilities Protection: <https://www.gov.uk/home-responsibilities-protection-hrp>

Carer's Allowance: <https://www.gov.uk/carers-allowance>

Carer's Credit: <https://www.gov.uk/carers-credit>

Specified Adult Childcare credits: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-insurance-credits-for-adults-who-care-for-a-child-under-12-fact-sheet/specified-adult-childcare-credits-fact-sheet>

National Insurance: credits for parents and carers (information on applying for or transferring already claimed credits): <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-insurance-credits-for-parents-and-carers-cf411a>

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Policy Group 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 Fol Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF
https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745