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Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our reference: VTR 2200

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Dear John B

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 29.05.15.
You asked:-

Please supply a link to all rules, regulations and guidance regarding the deprivation of capital rules for claiming JSA / HB/ Council Tax Support including a list of what is and is not acceptable ways of people to use their capital/income.

Please find attached the JSA Capital guidance, (Deprivation of Capital is referred to at paragraph 77).

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you. Guidance for Decision Makers regarding deprivation of capital for JSA claimants is available here – [DMG Chapter 29](#). The law relating to Social Security can be found here - [The law relating to Social Security](#). If you do not have access to the Internet at home, you may be able to use facilities at your local public library.

Guidance about deprivation of capital for working age Housing Benefit claimants can be found in paragraph BW1.255 of part BW of the Housing Benefit guidance manuals on gov.uk. This link will take you to the manual - [Housing Benefit Guidance manual BW 1](#).

Council Tax Benefit ceased to exist from April 2013 and was replaced by local Council Tax reduction schemes which are operated by Local Authorities. You may wish to approach your Local Authority for information about the scheme in your area and for guidance on deprivation of capital.

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

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