

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

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Dear S Newport

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 24 March 2016. You asked:

“The Employment and Support Allowance guidance publication was until recently available to view from the Gov.uk website.

As I needed to clarify a descriptor in this guidance I was disappointed to find that this is no longer available to view.

I request copies of all guidance publications relating to Employment and Support Allowance issued since 2010 including any amendments to the present.”

## Our Response.

From the description in your request, it sounds like the product you are referring to is the Work Capability Assessment Handbook. This 210 page 'guide' is a training support tool for healthcare professionals undertaking Work Capability Assessments on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions.

Version 7 of this product can still be found on gov.uk

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/work-capability-assessment-handbook-for-healthcare-professionals>

The National Archive holds copies back to 2011. I have included all these versions in this response including version 7, the current version.

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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