

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: FOI2019/10351

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Dear James Spencer-Gray,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 11 March. You asked:

Claimant Group/Eligibility: New Business Starts

*1.14 New Enterprise Allowance is available to the following claimants aged 18 and over and their dependent partners (*where indicated) aged 18 and over and are legally resident in the UK and have the right to take up paid employment/self-employment in the UK:*

*• Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) (*including dependent partners) • Employment & Support Allowance (ESA) (*including dependent partners) • Income Support - The only Income Support claimants who are eligible are lone parents claiming Income Support (IS) on the grounds of being a lone parent and people claiming as sick. This includes lone foster parents and single people with a child placed with them prior to adoption. Note that claimants in receipt of Carer's Allowance are not eligible for NEA. • Some Universal Credit claimants. Eligible Universal Credit claimants will primarily fall within the following conditionality groups.*

Therefore based on this public domain declaration can you please CONFIRM that an individual registered as unemployed BUT only in receipt of National Insurance credits WOULD NOT qualify for any assistance under this scheme?

DWP Response:

We have previously advised that we consider your enquiries relating to National Insurance Credits to be vexatious under S.14(1) FOI Act. We have also advised that in accordance with S.17(6) of the FOI Act that we will not be responding to any further requests relating to this subject.

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not content with this response 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. We confirm that you have exhausted that procedure.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us

or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

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

Yours sincerely,

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