

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

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**Our reference:** VTR 4671

**Date:** 29 October 2014

Dear Mr Smith,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.  
You asked:

- 1) Can you please confirm people on ESA national insurance credits only are not required to attend work focused interviews even if an appointment is made for them.
- 2) Can you please confirm people on ESA national insurance credits only are not required to attend work work-related activities.
- 3) What sanctions or consequences, if any, can be expected for people on ESA credits only for not attending such an interview or not taking part in work-related activities?

## Response

- 1) I can confirm that ESA claimants in receipt of National Insurance Credits only are not required to attend work focused interviews, even if an appointment is made for them.
- 2) I can confirm that ESA claimants in receipt of National Insurance Credits only are not required to undertake Work Related Activity.
- 3) I can confirm that there are no sanctions or consequences if an ESA claimant in receipt of National Insurance Credits only, either fails to attend a work focused interview or fails to undertake Work Related Activity.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact us 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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