

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: FOI2019/00437

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Dear Manuel Bolanos,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 4 January. You asked:

Please provide the forms that a JSA claimant would usually attach (or be provided with) to a JSA1S claim form. I note page 6 of your JSA1S form makes reference to ST1 and ES567SJP.

Additionally, please provide

- 1) any other forms a student claiming JSA (either because they are part-time, or full-time with PIP - which would allow them to claim JSA.*
- 2) guidance DWP and JCP staff has to deal with the two cases mentioned above.*
- 3) ALL DOCUMENTS (FORMS, GUIDANCE, MEMOS) JCP, DWP, and WCA companies such as Capital and Atos have to deal with students. Examples of this could be forms students would usually need to attach to a JSA1S claim (eg ST1), guidance to JCP staff about work commitments, forms and additional information a student would have to provide when making a UC claim online.*
- 4) The number of full time students in Higher Education claiming:*
 - - PIP*
 - - ESA*
 - - JSA*
 - - UC*
 - Tax credits*
 - HB**or any combination of these*
- 5) The number of part time students in Higher Education claiming*
 - PIP*
 - - ESA*
 - - JSA*
 - - UC*
 - Tax credits*
 - HB**or any combination of these*

6) *The number of full time students in Higher Education claiming:*

- JSA + HB
- UC with housing benefit and jsa (available to work) component or any combination of these

7) *The number of full time students in Higher Education receiving maintenance loan or grant from Student Loans Company (and any of its subsidiaries such Student Finance England, Student Awards Agency for Scotland, etc) and:*

- JSA
 - HB
 - JSA + HB
 - UC with work and housing element components
 - Tax credits
- or any combination of these*

8) *The number of students in Higher Education that...*

- *study full time, work part time, get a maintenance loan/grant, and receive either:*
- JSA
- HB,
- *(with either housing element, work element, or any combination of these)*
- edits
- *or any combination of these*

9) *Please provide the number of EU (+Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) students that are in full time and part time Higher Education (say which one they are doing) that are receiving UC (any component, say which), JSA, HB, ESA, Tax Credits.*

DWP Response:

You may be interested to know that the department does publish National and Official statistics for a variety of benefits, including benefit combinations here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/about/statistics>

However, we estimate that the cost of complying with your requests would exceed the appropriate limit for central Government, set by regulations at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not therefore obliged to comply with your requests and we will not be processing it further.

Under section 16 of the Act we should assist the requester in helping narrow their request so that it may fall beneath the cost limit. In this case we are unable to provide any specific information regarding lowering your request concerning students receiving benefits within the FOI

cost limit, as due to the way the information is stored, just to extract the necessary information would exceed the cost limit.

We could provide answers to some of your other questions, if you were to ask these on their own. However you should note that DWP does not hold any documentation relating specifically to WCAs for students. The WCA focuses on a person's capability for work and is not directed towards a person's usual occupation; as such the WCA does not differ for a student.

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

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
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