

## **England Infected Blood Support Scheme Guidance on tax and benefits exemptions**

### **Introduction**

You do not need to take payments you receive from us into account when calculating:

- your income tax bill
- any entitlement to means-tested benefits

This is as long as you live in the United Kingdom.

We provide more details on this and what to do if you have any problems relating to this.

### **Income tax**

Any regular payments from the scheme are not taxable. This includes annual payments or income top-up support.

This means we do not need to deduct income tax from your payments. You do not need to declare payments in tax returns you submit to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

### **Benefits**

Disregard payments from us when calculating your income or savings for benefits. This relates to Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) means-tested benefits, including:

- income support
- jobseekers' allowance (JSA)
- state pension credit
- housing benefit
- employment and support allowance (ESA)

Any income or grants from us are not taken into account when DWP assesses your application.

You do not need to mention any of our payments in your application form.

### **Universal Credit**

You can disregard our payments when calculating income or savings for Universal Credit.

DWP ministers have approved the scheme in relation to 'contaminated blood products'. This means the exemption applies to anyone receiving a payment from us.

## **Council Tax**

Disregard our payments in calculating income and savings for Council Tax reduction.

You do not need to include details of payments from us when you apply to your local council.

## **Queries about income from the scheme**

If there are any queries from DWP, HMRC or your local council, you can point them to this guidance.

If you have further problems or they invite you to formal interview, you can call or [email us](#).

We can provide you with a letter to confirm payments you have received from us. We will tell these authorities to disregard these payments.

## **Contact details**

If you have any, you can contact us:

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