

## Exemptions from the Personal Work Support programme

Exempted jobseekers are those who:

- receive contribution based JSA only; or
- have a joint claim and their partner has signed up for PWSP; or
- are in part time work; or
- fall within any of the protected groups detailed below

## Protected Groups

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- Pensioners
- People entitled to a Severe Disability Premium
- People entitled to an Enhanced Disability Premium
- Carers
- War Widows/War Pensioners
- Lone parents with a dependent child under five years old

Each of these is explained below:

### **Pensioners**

This means people who are eligible to claim Pension Credit. On 6th March 2016 anyone who was born before 5th April 1953 is eligible to claim Pension Credit. If this applies to you, you are not affected unless you have chosen to claim a working-age benefit instead, such as Income Support, Employment Support Allowance or Jobseekers Allowance.

### **People entitled to a Severe Disability Premium**

To qualify you must meet all of the following criteria: Be in receipt of the high or middle rate care component of Disability Living Allowance, any rate of the daily living component of Personal Independence Payments, armed forces independence payment or attendance allowance and Not be looked after by someone who receives Carer's Allowance for looking after you and Have no one living with you aged over 18 years old unless that person is registered blind or in receipt of high or middle rate care component of Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance or any rate of the daily living component of Personal Independence Payments or armed forces independence payment.

### **People entitled to an Enhanced Disability Premium**

To qualify: You, or your partner if you have one, or a child or young person in the family, must receive the highest rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance, or the enhanced rate of the daily living component of Personal Independence Payments, or an armed forces

independence payment or You must receive the support component of Employment Support Allowance or the limited capability of work element of Universal Credit.

### **Carer**

To qualify as a carer you, or your partner if you have one,  
Must be entitled to Carer's Allowance or

Must have made a claim for Carer's Allowance and would be entitled, but have chosen not to claim it because the person you care for would lose some of their benefits, or

Receive income support or Universal Credit as a carer. The person receiving care must also receive one of these benefits: Attendance Allowance, the middle or highest rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance or any rate of the daily living component of Personal Independence Payments, Constant Attendance Allowance at or above the normal maximum rate with an Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit, or basic (full day) rate with a War Disablement Pension or an armed Forces Independence Payment

### **War Widows / War Pensioners**

To qualify you must be in receipt of a War Widows Pension, War Disablement Pension or Armed Forces Compensation Payment.

### **Lone parents with a dependent child under five years old**

To qualify you must be responsible for one or more dependent children under the age of five and not have a partner living with you.