

## Acronyms, Benefits and Work

<b>JSA</b>	<b>Job Seekers Allowance</b>	The benefit paid to people whilst looking for work.
<b>ASE</b>	You must be <b>Actively Seeking Employment</b> to receive <b>JSA</b> .	Your job-seeking activity is an agreement between you and your Work Coach.
<b>WFI</b>	A <b>Work Focused Interview</b> is an appointment with a Work Coach and is usually mandatory.	<b>WFIs</b> are to help you find work, or to help you become work-ready.
<b>FTA</b>	If you <b>Fail To Attend</b> a <b>WFI</b> you might lose your benefits.	You can rearrange a <b>WFI</b> if you have a job interview, hospital appointment etc.
<b>IS</b>	<b>Income Support</b> is paid to carers and lone parents with children under 5.	Lone parents are offered extra support in the last year of their claiming <b>IS</b> .
<b>ESA</b>	<b>Employment and Support Allowance</b> is paid to people who are ill.	You can work and claim <b>ESA</b> but you must talk to your Work Coach about it first.
<b>WCA</b>	The medical when claiming <b>ESA</b> is called a <b>Work Capability Assessment</b> .	This will decide if you have a limited capability to work, or none at all.
<b>WRAG</b>	After a medical you will be placed in the <b>Work Related Activity Group</b> if it is decided that you have <b>some</b> capability to work.	Work-related activities are to help you become more work-ready.
<b>SG</b>	If you are considered too ill to work you will be placed in the <b>Support Group</b> .	This could be short-term (eg. following surgery) or longer-term for serious illnesses.
<b>CA</b>	You might claim <b>Carers Allowance</b> if you care for somebody for a minimum of 35 hours per week.	You can work part-time and still receive <b>CA</b> as long as you are still providing care.

<b>DLA</b>	<b>Disability Living Allowance</b> is extra help to those with special care or mobility needs.	You can work and receive <b>DLA</b> . There are <b>no</b> restrictions, as long as you're not doing something that you have declared that you're not capable of!
<b>PIP</b>	<b>Personal Independence Payments</b> are similar to <b>DLA</b> , which they are replacing.	You can work and receive <b>PIP</b> . There are <b>no</b> restrictions, as long as you're not doing something that you have declared that you're not capable of!
<b>CTC</b>	<b>Child Tax Credits</b> are paid by HMRC to help those people who are on a low income and have dependent children.	You can work and get <b>CTCs</b> . The more you earn, the less you receive. <b>HMRC</b> stands for <b>Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs</b> .
<b>WTC</b>	<b>Working Tax Credits</b> are paid by HMRC to people who are working and top up a low wage.	<b>WTCs</b> are also means-tested.
<b>UC</b>	<b>Universal Credit</b> is to replace all of the above with a single payment and will take into account the whole household's circumstances.	<b>UC</b> will reward those who work by ensuring that everybody will be better off by working.

## Further Information

Go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for further information