

# Benefits and your job



Easy read guide



If you get a job you need to know if it affects your benefits.



You can still work and get benefits.



Some benefits do not change if you have a job.



Some benefits may change if you earn money.



Personal Independence Payment (PIP) is **not** affected by having a job.



The benefits that **are** affected by having a paid job are:



- Universal Credit (UC)



- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)



- Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)



- Income support (IS)

# Universal Credit



You can get Universal Credit if you have a job or not.



You can work any number of hours and still get Universal Credit.



The amount you get depends on how much you earn.



You will get less Universal Credit as you earn more money.

# Employment and Support Allowance



You might be able to work and get Employment and Support Allowance.

It depends on:



- How many hours you work



- How much money you earn



These rules change.

Jobcentre Plus can tell you what the current rules are.

# Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)



There are different types of Job Seekers Allowance.



These are benefits for people looking for a job.



Most people now get Universal Credit instead.



The rules are different depending on the type of Job Seekers Allowance you get.



Jobcentre Plus can tell you if your Job Seekers Allowance will be affected.

## Personal Independence Payment (PIP)



You can get Personal Independence Payment if you are working or not.



It does not matter how much money you earn.



It does not matter how many hours you work.

# Volunteering



You can volunteer while getting benefits.



Volunteering means you are not being paid.



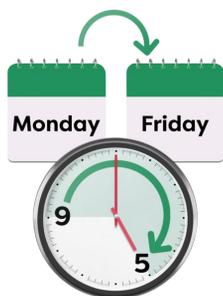
You still need to tell Jobcentre Plus if you are volunteering.

# What to do next



Make sure you tell Jobcentre Plus if:

- You get a new job



- The hours you work change



- Your pay changes



Jobcentre Plus will tell you if your benefits will change.



You can find your local Jobcentre Plus at:

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