

Starting work, what help is available?

Travel to Interview Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To help jobseekers back to work by providing financial assistance so that they can attend job interviews beyond normal daily travelling distance. At the discretion of personal advisers assistance may be given to attend local interviews
Better Off Calculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Personal Adviser within the Jobcentre Plus Office can calculate how much better off you could be in work. Customer may request a Better off Calculation before starting work
Adviser Discretionary Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one off payment to help customers overcome any barriers to employment. This may include buying suitable clothing for interview, protective clothing for certain occupations, travel costs or training. This list is not exhaustive and awards made are totally at adviser's discretion.
Career Development Loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A deferred repayment loan for vocational learning or education to help people who are employed, self-employed or unemployed benefit from the opportunity to help invest in learning.
Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can help towards rent and Council Tax and is paid by the Local Authority. Helps people on low-income pay their housing costs. <p>All can claim this a day 1.</p>
Housing Benefit Run On	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides help towards rent / council costs to bridge the gap from the end of the benefit claim to receiving first wage. It is paid for their first four weeks in work. <p>On benefits for 26weeks</p>
Mortgage Interest Run On	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides help towards mortgage costs to bridge the gap from the end of the benefit claim to receipt of first wage. It is paid for their first four weeks in work. <p>On benefits for 26weeks</p>
In Work Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IWC is a non-taxable weekly payment available to eligible lone parents who are starting employment/self employment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job must be at least 16 hours a week and is expected to last for least 5 weeks. <p>Any Salary – on benefits 1year.</p>
Job Grant	<p>A work incentive aimed at helping the customer/partner to make the transition from benefit to paid employment. Must be claiming a relevant benefit for a continuous period of at least 26 weeks.</p> <p>Rates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £100 for single people and couples without children • £250 for all lone parents and couples with children
Return to Work Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tax-free payment of £40 per week paid directly to customers who meet the eligibility conditions and who live within a Pathways to Work area. Payment is made for a maximum of 52 weeks (provided the customer remains in employment.) <p>On sickness benefits for 13weeks, salary below 15k.</p>
Tax Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Tax Credit - For people working on a low income. extra amounts available for working households in which <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Someone has a disability - Childcare costs • Single - Over 25, working 30hrs • Child Tax Credit - You can claim if you are responsible for at least one child or young person. <p>Working at least 16hrs</p>

The above is for guidance only and entitlement to In Work Support must confirmed on an individual basis