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Your route to training and employment opportunities in Middlesbrough

Financial Help in Starting Work



Striving to develop and maintain a consistent approach to **job creation** and **skills development** for all **Middlesbrough residents**.

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LONE PARENT'S BENEFIT RUN ON

Extra 2 Weeks income Support to Lone Parents

Must work 16 hours per week or more

Job must last for at least 5 weeks

Must have been in receipt of Income Support for at least 26 weeks before starting work

Paid at the same rate as the person's weekly benefit

Will be paid automatically

HOUSING BENEFIT EXTENDED PAYMENT / COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT EXTENDED PAYMENT

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit can continue for 4 weeks

Must have been in receipt of Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance for the previous 26 weeks

Must be working at least 16 hours per week

Job is to last at least 5 weeks

Will be paid automatically by the Local Authority

MORTGAGE INTEREST RUN ON

Further 4 weeks mortgage costs can be paid

Must have been in receipt of Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance for the previous 26 weeks

Must be working 16 hours or more per week

Job must last for at least 5 weeks

Must have an amount for mortgage costs included in their weekly assessment

Will be paid automatically

JOB GRANT

A one-off non-taxable payment of £100.00

Must be aged 25 or over

Must be working at least 16 hours per week

Job must last at least 5 weeks

Have been in receipt of Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance or INCAP for the previous 52 weeks

Have not received a job grant in the previous 52 weeks

ADVISOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

Available to advisors in Job Centres

Discretionary payments to help people move into work

Can pay for items such as childcare costs

Need to discuss with their advisor as to what help they need

WORKING TAX CREDIT

Financial help to people who are working 16 hours or more per week

Can claim without children if aged 25 or over and working at least 30 hours per week

Paid by the employer in with the person's wage

Special rules for disabled people and people aged 50+

Can claim on-line at www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/taxcredits

WORK CAN PAY

The following examples illustrate how financially better off people can be if they commence work.

SCENARIO 1

Single parent with one child aged 5. Moving from benefits into work. Working 25 hours p.w. at £4.85 p.h. Rent £55.00 p.w. , Council Tax Band A.

Would Receive:

Child Tax Credit	£41.72
Working Tax Credit	£59.85
Wages	£114.92
Child Benefit	£16.50
Total	£232.99

Currently Receiving:

Income Support	£97.37
Child Benefit	£16.50
Total	£113.87

Outgoings:

Rent (£55.00 less £1.83)	£53.17
Council Tax	£11.27
Balance	£168.55

This person would also qualify for £1.83 Housing Benefit

This person would be better off by £54.68 per week (£168.55 less £113.87)

However, the person would have to pay for school dinners

The person would be entitled to 70% of any childcare costs. This would be paid in addition to the above.

SCENARIO 2

Single parent with 2 children, one aged 3 and one aged 7. Moving from benefits into work. Working 30 hours p.w. at £4.85 p.h. Rent £55.00 p.w., Council Tax Band A.

<u>Would Receive:</u>		<u>Currently Receiving:</u>	
Child Tax Credit	£72.94	Income Support	£128.59
Working Tax Credit	£72.17	Child Benefit	£27.55
Wages	£132.10	Total	£156.14
Child Benefit	£27.55		
Total	£304.76		

Outgoings:

Rent	£55.00
Council Tax	£11.27
Balance	£238.49

This person would be better off by £82.35 per week (£238.49 less £156.14)
 However, the person would have to pay for school dinners
The person is entitled to 70% of any childcare costs. This would be paid in addition to the above.

SCENARIO 3

Single person aged 25, no children. Moving from benefits into work. Working 37 hours p. w. at £4.85 p. h. Rent £55.00 p.w., Council Tax Band A.

<u>Would Receive:</u>		<u>Currently Receiving:</u>	
Working Tax Credit	£42.49	Jobseekers Allowance	£55.65
Wages	£154.87	Total	£55.65
Total	£197.36		

Outgoings:

Rent	£55.00
Council Tax	£11.27
Balance	£131.09

This person would be better off by £75.44 per week (£131.09 less £55.65)

People without children can qualify for Working Tax Credit as long as they are aged 25 or over and working at least 30 hours per week.