

England Infected Blood Support Scheme

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Financial and support services

Financial Support

If you live in the UK, payments from the England Infected Blood Support Scheme (EIBSS) will not affect your tax and benefits.

+ Income Tax

— Benefits

Payments from the scheme do not count if you are getting or applying for any of the following means-tested benefits from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP):

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- State Pension Credit.
- Housing Benefit.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

- Universal Credit

This means that your income and any grants from the scheme are not taken into account when DWP assesses your benefit entitlement.

You need to declare to DWP any payments that you receive from the scheme.

If you do not tell DWP about payments received from the scheme, they will not be able to determine what money they should ignore. This might mean any benefits that depend on the amount of money you have could be affected.

EIBSS payments are discounted for tax and state benefit purposes. The relevant regulations are the:

- [Infected Blood Schemes \(Application of Sections 731, 733 and 734 of the Income Tax \(Trading and Other Income\) Act 2005\) Order 2017](#)
- [Social Security \(Infected Blood and Thalidomide\) Regulations 2017](#)

The Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014 make provisions for payments to be disregarded under the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987.

The Social Security (Infected Blood and Thalidomide) Regulations 2017 amended, amongst other regulations, the Income Support Regulations to include an 'approved blood scheme'. This means 'a scheme established or approved by the Secretary of State, or trust established with funds provided by the Secretary of State, for the purpose of providing compensation in respect of a person having been infected from contaminated blood products', this includes EIBSS.

EIBSS payments should be disregarded by local authorities in making assessments for social care.

+ Council Tax

+ If you get queries about your income from the scheme

+ Other financial services

Other services that can help

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There is a range of support services available for you to access to provide advice and information.

- [+ HIV support](#)
- [+ Hepatitis C support](#)
- [+ Haemophilia support](#)
- [+ Bereavement support](#)

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