

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit

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- 1 Staff at the Nottingham Pension Centre, who are obtaining details from pensioners for completion of the 3 page HB/CTB claim form, have been told that some LAs are telling pensioners that they will not be eligible for HB/CTB if they have savings of more than £16,000. Some LAs are also telling pensioners, receiving a savings credit only, that they will not be entitled to HB/CTB irrespective of whether they have capital over £16,000.
- 2 This is a general reminder that the over £16,000 capital cut-off limit does **not** apply if the HB/CTB claimant has been awarded the guarantee credit - see the pensioner *HB regulation 22* and the pensioner *CTB regulation 14*, which provide that where a person is receiving a guarantee credit all their income and capital must be disregarded.
- 3 The over £16,000 capital cut of limit applies only if the pensioner has a savings credit only or no Pension Credit whatsoever.
- 4 If the person has a savings credit only, and has capital of £16,000 or less, HB/CTB will of course be payable.

Queries

- 5 If you have any enquiries, please contact christine.watkins@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

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