

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit

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Employment and Support Allowance: Frequently Asked Questions

- 1 Guidance on the effect of ESA on the structure of HB/CTB was in circular HB/CTB A11/2008. A frequently asked question site to supplement that guidance is now available on the DWP website. The address is

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/housingbenefit/faq/esa.asp>

- 2 Following the launch of the new look HB website, scheduled for 8 August 2008, the address will be

<http://newdwp.sytes.net/newhousingbenefit/claims-processing/working-with-dwp/esa.asp#faq>

Statutory Instruments

- 3 The following Statutory Instruments (SI) have now been laid
- 2008 No 1735, The Statutory Sick Pay (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, coming into force 27 October 2008
 - 2008 No 1778, The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase) Regulations 2008, coming into force 15 September 2008

- 4 Copies of SIs can now be downloaded from

- DWP's own website
<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/advisers/docs/lawvols/bluevol/>
- the website of the Office of Publication Information
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/stat.htm>

What's new on the web

- 5 The following items can be found on the website link shown

Document Type	Subject	Link
Circular HB/CTB A10/2008	Additional information for LAs on the 2008/09 HB/CTB Right Benefit and Right Time Performance Indicators and Comprehensive Performance Assessment 2008	http://www.dwp.gov.uk/hbctb/circulars/2008/A10-2008.pdf

Circular HB/CTB A11/2008	Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit: amendments to take account of the introduction of Employment and Support Allowance	http://www.dwp.gov.uk/hbctb/circulars/2008/A11-2008.pdf
Circular HB/CTB A12/2008	Amendments to Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Extended Payments Schemes from 6 October 2008	http://www.dwp.gov.uk/hbctb/circulars/2008/a12-2008.pdf
Bulletin G12/2008	Delayed reviews of Pension Credit Issuing of cautions Statutory Instruments Recording of sanction & prosecution outcomes Current HB/CTB Circulars What's new on the web Other publications issued this month	http://www.dwp.gov.uk/housingbenefit/news/newsletter/bulletins/2008/G12-2008.pdf
Bulletin G13/2008	HBMS national scans Rent form guidance Statutory Instruments	http://www.dwp.gov.uk/housingbenefit/news/newsletter/bulletins/2008/g13-2008.pdf
HB Direct Issue 79 July 2008	Newsletter	http://www.dwp.gov.uk/housingbenefit/news/newsletter/2008/issue79-jul08.pdf
New look website		http://www.dwp.gov.uk/housingbenefit/newsite.asp
Customer Management System Guide for LAs	Guidance manual	http://www.dwp.gov.uk/housingbenefit/cms/la-guide.pdf

HB/CTB Circulars issued this month

- 6 The following HB/CTB Circulars have been issued this month
- HB/CTB Circular A10/2008
 - HB/CTB Circular A11/2008
 - HB/CTB Circular A12/2008
 - HB/CTB Circular A13/2008