



Wales Infected Blood Support Service

WIBSS Payments on my tax and benefits

Means Tested Benefits

On October 23rd 2017, the Social Security (Infected Blood and Thalidomide) Regulations 2017 (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/870/contents/made>) came into force. This means when calculating your income or any capital (such as savings), any payments you have received from WIBSS will be disregarded in full. However, if you apply, or have a review, for any of the following means tested benefits from the Department for Work and Pensions or Local Council, (DWP), **you will need to declare your WIBSS payments**. This is to ensure that the benefit assessor can determine what money to disregard in your benefit calculation and avoid any affect upon your entitlement;

- Income Support
- Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- State Pension Credit
- Housing Benefit.

Council Tax

From November 1st 2017, any payment received from WIBSS, including lump sum one off payments, can be disregarded when calculating income for Council Tax Reduction. This is in addition to any previous sums held from the five former UK Schemes. If you require a copy of the interim Council Tax Reduction instruction, or have any queries relating to this, please contact your dedicated WIBSS welfare rights advisor.

Income Tax

On October 23rd 2017, The Infected Blood Schemes (Application of Sections 731, 733 and 734 of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005) Order 2017 came into force. This means any regular payments received from WIBSS are not taxable. As such, you do not need to declare the payments in any income tax return to the Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC), nor do WIBSS need to deduct any income tax from your payment amount.



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Please note; lump sum payments and one off grants from WIBSS are not included in the order, as they are not subject to Income Tax.

Queries from DWP, HMRC or Your Local Authority (Council)

In the event of any queries from the Department for Work and Pensions, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs or your local Council regarding your income or capital, you can refer to this guidance in the first instance. Following this, if you have any difficulties or you are invited to a formal interview, then please get in touch with WIBSS as soon as possible. We can provide you with a letter confirming all payments received from an approved scheme, alongside written confirmation of all relevant legislation exempting your WIBSS payments.