

Benefits, tax credits and social care

Major reforms to the benefits system continue to make it challenging for people with disabilities or long-term health conditions to get support. Budgets and social care resources are overstretched, and benefit cuts and rate freezes are still being imposed as inflation hits a five-year high.

As Universal Credit's rollout is extended, the way it operates is constantly changing. Case law is affecting the way the law is applied, particularly to more recent benefits such as Personal Independence Payment. And in 2018, the current financial help for mortgage interest costs will be replaced by a repayable loans scheme. At this uncertain economic and political time, keeping up with the new rules is crucial.

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- Challenging decisions; how to appeal

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- The eligibility criteria for people needing care and support
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Phillip Taylor MBE,
Barrister, Richmond Green Chambers



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The handbook explains the three key disability benefits: Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payment and Attendance Allowance. It describes the assessment process and includes guidance on how to complete the claim-forms. It covers Universal Credit as well as the six working-age, means-tested benefits it is replacing. A new chapter deals with the loans scheme due to replace financial support towards the interest on mortgage payments and eligible home improvement loans.

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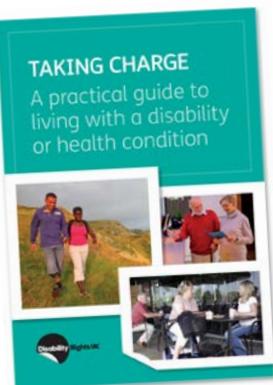
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