

<b>Circular Reference:</b>	<b>A3/2010</b>		
<b>Subject:</b>	Permitted work: Obtaining details from JCP	<b>Effective Date:</b>	<b>April 2010</b>
<b>Summary</b> <p>Previously, Circular A24v2009 announced a change to the earnings disregard for an ESA (C)/IB or SDA recipient. Circular A03/2010 details how local authorities should obtain confirmation of the potential impact on HB/CTB entitlement.</p> <p>If the work is classed as permitted work, the earnings disregard will be either £20 per week (as at present) or £93 per week. If the higher disregard is given this could be time-limited to 52 weeks.</p> <p>The decision regarding whether work is permitted, the disregard that applies and whether that disregard is time-limited is made by Jobcentre Plus (JCP). At present this information cannot be sent to the local authority through an automated link, but this is being looked at. Any enquiries concerning this matter can be dealt with on paper (the appendix gives a pro forma that could be used for this purpose) or via a secure Government Connect e-mail.</p> <p>You will need the JCP to confirm whether the work is permitted, the disregard that applies, if the £93 disregard is time-limited and the date that the time limit expires.</p> <p>Please be aware that this could affect some cases where a person is already doing permitted work and claiming HB, as their disregard could increase in April of this year. Any such existing cases should be identified and checked via your JCP liaison officer.</p> <p>The remainder of the circular looks at some common questions arising from this change, such as effective dates of the increase or decrease of the disregard, changes of circumstances affecting permitted work and cases where the JCP has no details or earnings.</p>			
<b>Action</b> <p>Pass to all assessment staff so that they are aware of the increased disregard and the extra information that might be required. Pass to your JCP liaison officer to arrange procedures for requesting evidence.</p>			
<b>Other References:</b>	<b>A24v2009</b>		