

## England Infected Blood Support Scheme (EIBSS) Income top-up and Child Payment Support information

Applications for these payments can be submitted at any time should a beneficiary's circumstances change. Normally discretionary support payments will only be backdated to the date the application is received by NHSBSA.

### Income top-up payments for bereaved spouses/partners

An income top-up payment is a discretionary monthly payment to increase the household income to help with general living costs.

An assessment is made of the beneficiary's household income and if the income is below set thresholds an application can be made to receive regular payments.

Household Income	Annual Rate
<£10,000	£18,000
£10,001- £15,000	£10,421
£15,001- £20,000	£5,412
£20,001- £28,400	£1,412
£28,401+	£0

### Child payments

These means-tested payments are to help with the costs of bringing up children of an infected beneficiary. Dependents are children of an infected beneficiary up to the age of 18 years, or up to 21 if in full time education. These payments are available to the primary care provider of the child/children and can only be made where the beneficiary has qualified for an income top-up payment.

Payments for children	Monthly rate	Annual Rate
1 <sup>st</sup> Child	£250	£3,000
Per subsequent child	£100	£1,200

### Infected beneficiaries

Infected beneficiaries may qualify for a child payment by completing an EIBSS child payments application form and be assessed as having a household income under £37,900.

### Bereaved beneficiaries

Bereaved beneficiaries may qualify for a child payment by completing an EIBSS income top-up and child payments application form and be assessed as having a household income under £28,401.

## Primary carers

If you are the primary care provider of a child/children of an infected beneficiary but not a beneficiary yourself, you may still be entitled to apply for support for the child/children for whom you are caring for.

You may qualify for a child payment by completing an EIBSS child payments application form and be assessed as having a household income under £28,401.

### How is it assessed?

Income top-up payments are means-tested assessments and based on household income. The household income is calculated using all income received by the household, including earnings and benefits listed below:

<b>Income to be included</b>
Bereavement Support Payment (BSP)
Child Tax Credits (CTC)
<b>* Council Tax Reduction (CTR)</b>
<b>* Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)</b>
<b>* Incapacity Benefit (IB)</b>
<b>* Income Support (IS)</b>
<b>* Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)</b>
<b>* Local Housing Allowance/Housing Benefit (HB)</b>
Maintenance payments
Maternity Allowance (MA)
Money from a charity or voluntary organisation
Money from a Trust Fund
Money from renting property
Pension Credit/Savings Credit (PC)
Private Pensions (PP)
State Retirement Pension (SP)
Statutory Sick Pay (SSP)
Student Loan/Finance
<b>* Universal Credit (UC)</b>
Vouchers
Wages: employed/self-employed
War Widow's Pension (WWP)
Working Tax Credits (WTC)

Some income and allowances may include **disability benefits** and **disability related elements** and are highlighted in **\*Bold** in the above table.

We therefore require a copy of the full Award Statement breakdown to correctly exclude any disability related elements from the household income.

## Income we do not include:

<b>Benefit Income to be excluded:</b>
Attendance Allowance (AA)
Carer's Allowance (CA)
Child Benefit (CB)
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IID)
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)
Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA)
War Disablement Pension (WDP)
<b>* CTR - Disabled band relief</b>
<b>* ESA - Disability Premium Element &amp; Support Group</b>
<b>* HB - Disability Premium Element &amp; Support Group</b>
<b>* IS - Disability Premium Element &amp; Support Group</b>
<b>* JSA - Disability Premium Element &amp; Support Group</b>
<b>* UC - Disability Premium Element &amp; Support Group</b>
<b>Non - Benefit Income to be excluded:</b>
EIBSS Hepatitis C Stage 1 payments
EIBSS Special Category Mechanism (SCM) payments
EIBSS Hepatitis C Stage 2 payments
EIBSS HIV payments

## Other people in the household

We need to know about any other people who live in the beneficiary's home.

This does not include children in education or residents if they live in a care home or shared accommodation. Rather than take into account the full income of people living within their household, we take a proportion of their weekly income into account:

<b>Weekly income</b>	<b>Amount taken into account</b>
£0 -£142.99	£15.60
£143.00 - £208.99	£35.85
£209.00 - £271.99	£49.20
£272.00 - £362.99	£80.55
£363.00 - £450.99	£91.70
£451.00+	£100.65

If you would like any help to check what benefits you could be entitled to, please contact the EIBSS team by email at [nhsbsa.eibss@nhs.net](mailto:nhsbsa.eibss@nhs.net) or call us on 0300 330 1294.

If you are entitled to benefits, or other financial support, but do not claim this will be taken into account when calculating your household's income.