

Partners within Households

There are various “return to work” services and incentives offered by Jobcentre plus to partners within households should they wish to seek additional help in their search for work.

Working Tax Credit

Any household with a non-working partner may be able to claim Working Tax Credit (WTC) which tops up the earnings of working people (employed or self-employed) on low incomes, including those who do not have children.

Child Tax Credits are payments from the government. If partners are responsible for at least one child or young person who normally lives with them, they may qualify for Child Tax Credit. Payments also depend on income. The lower the income, the more tax credit.

Additional services

Partners within households are also offered a wide range of practical return to work support through Jobcentre Plus. As a minimum this includes on-line access to vacancies and a telephony job-matching service. Jobseekers are able to search for a Job via the [Directgov](#) website. The site also contains more information on the full range of support available to employees and their partners.

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Run-on

Housing Benefit Run-On (HBRO) provides help for living expenses to bridge the gap from the end of a Jobseeker’s benefit claim and receiving their first wage. Jobseekers may be eligible for HBRO when they report that they or their partner are starting remunerative work or increasing the number of hours worked to 16/24 per week.

Job Grant

Job Grant is a work related payment that aims to help enable customers in the transition from benefit into paid work.



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