

Terminal illness

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A person is regarded as being terminally ill if both of the following apply:

- at any time the person suffers from a progressive disease
- the person's death in consequence of that disease can reasonably be expected within 6 months

Claimants can be treated as having LCW if evidence is provided which shows they:

- are receiving or recovering from treatment for:
 - haemodialysis for chronic renal failure
 - plasmapheresis
 - total parenteral nutrition for gross impairment of enteric function
- are undergoing or recovering from medical or other treatment as a patient in a hospital or similar institution (for 24 hours or more), including residential programmes of rehabilitation for the treatment of drug or alcohol dependency
- are prevented from working by law due to actual or suspected infection or contamination
- have reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit and are entitled to disability living allowance or personal independence payment

Claimants treated as having LCW remain in the Intensive Work Search regime, until the outcome of their WCA. Claimants can be set WFI and work preparation requirements, tailored to their individual needs.

Claimants can be treated as having LCWRA if they:

- are terminally ill
- are pregnant and there is a serious risk of damage to her health or to the health of her unborn child if she does not refrain from work and work-related activity
- are receiving or recovering from treatment for cancer by way of chemotherapy or radiotherapy
- are likely to receive cancer treatment within 6 months of the date of the determination of capability for work and work-related activity

- have reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit and are entitled to AA, the Care Component of DLA at the highest rate or the Daily Living Component of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP) at the enhanced rate

Claimants treated as having LCWRA remain in the Intensive Work Search regime, until the outcome of their WCA. All work-related requirements for these claimants must be switched-off.

More detailed guidance on switching off work related requirements can be found in the [Claimant's Commitment Hub](#).

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