

## **Administrative and Conditionality Earnings Thresholds**

### **Administrative Earnings Threshold**

The Administrative Earnings Threshold (AET) has been introduced to help to highlight those claimants with no income, or on a very low income below AET, so they can receive the most intensive support. The AET is set at an individual or household level. This threshold has been set at £338 per month for an individual and £541 for a household.

Unlike the Conditionality Earnings Threshold (CET), the individual or household AET are static amounts, but may be adjusted - usually in April, when benefits are updated. Whilst both thresholds (CET and AET) are based on gross taxable pay, only employed earnings can contribute to meeting the AET (this means that self-employed earnings will not count towards it).

For more guidance about the AET, see [Labour Market conditionality and regimes](#).

### **Conditionality Earnings Threshold**

The CET ensures that claimants earning above a certain level will not be asked to carry out work-related activity. The CET is calculated on an individual basis, by multiplying the National Minimum Wage by the number of a claimant's expected hours.

The CET for a household is a combination of the individual expected CET of each of the adults in the household (joint claimants or including an ineligible partner of a claimant) and varies between different households. In a couple household, if one of the adults has earnings above the household CET, both claimants are placed in the Working Enough regime, regardless of whether they are both working or not.

For more guidance about the CET, see [Labour Market conditionality and regimes](#).

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