

Treated as having limited capability for work: Guidance

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A claimant can be treated as having limited capability for work (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, Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance (SADLA), Adult Disability Payment (ADP) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

A claimant treated as having LCW remains in the Intensive Work Search regime until the outcome of their Work Capability Assessment and can be set Work Focused Interviews and work preparation requirements tailored to their individual needs.