

Providing Benefit Information to Students

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Acronym Key

- DWP: Department of Work and Pensions
- PIP: Personal Independence Payment
- ESA: Employment and Support Allowance

Council Notes

1. Benefits for disabled people regularly change.
2. The rollout of Universal Credit has begun in some areas but has been delayed in others.¹
3. The DWP have spent £100 million on benefit appeals.²
4. In 2017/18 66% of PIP appeals went in the claimant's favour while 68% of ESA appeals went in the claimant's favour.²
5. Disability benefits are notoriously difficult to get.
6. The entitlement of some disability benefits is different for students.
7. There is very little advice available from the SU or SSS on disability benefits and how to claim them.

Council Believes

1. All students should have equal access.
2. That disability benefits help disabled students to have equal access.

Council Resolves

1. To provide up-to-date information on disability benefits and whether you qualify for them as a student through Advice SU and available online.
2. To provide up-to-date information on disability benefits in braille and large print formats.
3. To encourage SSS to provide information on disability benefits.
4. To provide information on where you can get help with applying for disability benefits.

¹<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Benefit-guides/UC-timetable/Universal-Credit-UC-roll-out-2018>

² <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/feb/12/disability-benefit-appeals-department-for-work-and-pensions-figures>