



Benefits Advice Sheet: Starting Part Time, Voluntary or Full Time Work

Under 16 hours a week:

If you are claiming Incapacity Benefit, SDA, Employment and Support Allowance or Jobseekers Allowance (in some cases) you are able to continue to claim benefits and earn a maximum of around £91.60 per week.

This can be done for 12 months only under Permitted Work rules and at the end of this period you will have to give up your benefits or your job. However, if you have support from a third party (such as Lancashire County Council Employment Support Team) then there are no time restraints on the length of time that you work and claim benefits.

If you are claiming Income Support then the maximum you can earn is £20 per week. Anything over this will be deducted pound for pound from your benefits.

Over 16 hours a week

Any work over 16 hours a week will result in the loss of any of the above benefits. (DLA is not affected)

Disability Living Allowance

DLA will not be affected by any paid work.

Voluntary Work

DWP should be informed if anybody is doing voluntary work of any kind.

Information courtesy of:

Lancashire County Council Employment Support Team - 077825996472.

Who have been successful in gaining paid employment for over 100 people in the past 12 months.