

BENEFITS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

Who is this course for?

Disability benefits are probably one of the more complex areas of the benefits system. If you support disabled people you will know that greater poverty exists in this client group.

Aim

The course will enable you to understand what benefits can be claimed, how they interact together and what techniques can be used to maximise positive outcomes for your clients.

Objectives

- to gain an understanding of how means-tested, contributory and non-contributory benefits interact and be able to identify the benefits that disabled people can claim
- to identify the routes to claiming the various benefits and the qualifying conditions and rules of entitlement including Disability Living Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance
- to understand the impact on means-tested benefits when a disability benefit is successfully claimed including the changes to Disability Premium since October 2008
- to improve skills in applying the knowledge gained to advise disabled people better and to help them fill in claim forms and/or to make claims on their behalf
- to increase knowledge of sources of information and support