

INTRODUCTION TO BENEFITS FOR EUROPEAN NATIONALS

Who is this course for?

This course is for generalist advisers who sometimes advise EU and EEA nationals on entitlement to benefits. Advisers must have a good general knowledge of the benefits system. This course does not look at challenging decisions.

Aim

To clarify when an EU or EEA national can claim benefits in the UK. Particular attention will be given to A8 and A2 nationals.

Objectives

By the end of the course participants will:

- Have an awareness of EU law in relation to claiming benefits – who is a “worker”
- Understand what is meant by “right to reside” and “habitual residence”
- Be aware of how these tests operate for different benefits and who is exempt from them
- Understand what restrictions apply to A8 and A2 nationals
- Have an awareness of how changes in circumstances impact on residence rights and benefits.