

# **Employment Support Allowance**

## **Aims**

This course will explore the incapacity for work reforms introduced in Autumn 2008. The course will cover the policy intention behind the changes, who will be affected and what the new scheme looks like. Delegates will be given an outline of the new Employment Support Allowance and the revised Work Capability Assessment.

## **Who is this course for?**

Advisers will be expected to have a good foundation knowledge of the benefits system including the differences between contributory and means-tested benefits.

## **Objectives**

At the end of the course delegates will have a good understanding of:

- Why the Government is reforming the incapacity for work system
- Which clients are affected by the reforms
- The new benefit Employment Support Allowance
- The revised Work Capability Assessment
- Transitional protection for current claimants
- Linked issues such as Housing Benefit, permitted work and students