

FACT SHEET

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Working Tax Credits

Description:

An in-work tax credit for people on low income aged 16 and over working 16 hours or more a week, it is not just restricted to those with children.

Who Qualifies:

Couples with a joint income of up to £14000 or individuals earning less than £10000 will benefit. People with children or a disability need to work 16 hours a week; others must be aged over 25 and work 30 hours to qualify.

Amount Payable:

The maximum award is £3645 for people who work more than 30 hours per week and earn less than £5060. If you work between 16 and 30 hours and earn less than £5060 you will be entitled to £3025.

For the Tax Year 2005/2006 the maximum amounts payable for the elements of the Working Tax Credit are as follows: -

Basic element paid to everyone entitled to receive it: £1620

Lone parent/couple element: £1595

Working, jointly, over 30 hours per week element: £660

Disability element: £2165. Severe disability element: £920

Over 50 element: £1110 if you work between 16-29 hours per week,
£1660 if you work over 30 hours per week

Childcare element: You can claim back up to 70% of your costs for qualifying childcare - a maximum of £122.50 for one child and £210 per week for two or more.

How Cartwheels can help with Working Tax Credits

We can put you in touch with the right person at JobCentre Plus to advise what you are entitled to based upon your income.

Useful Contacts: www.hmrc.gov.uk Tax Credit Helpline 0845 300

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