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Pathways to work

In many areas of the country, people claiming benefit for incapacity for work have to participate in a Pathways to Work pilot. This affects new claimants for incapacity benefit and income support on the basis of incapacity for work. Claimants will have to have a personal capability assessment (PCA) within 13 weeks of a claim and are expected to take part in a work-focused interview (which replaces the own occupation test) and is expected to follow approximately eight weeks after the PCA. The interview is centred around what work a claimant may be able to undertake, rather than initially assessing their ability to continue with their own occupation. Further work-focused interviews follow at monthly intervals. The scheme currently affects 40% of new and repeat claimants and is expected to apply nationwide by April 2008.