Information about important changes for people receiving the following benefits or allowances from Jobcentre Plus

Jobseeker's Allowance
Income Support
Incapacity benefits
Bereavement benefits
Jobcentre Plus is making the way it pays benefits and allowances simpler.

From April 2009, the day and periods on which Jobcentre Plus pays benefits or allowances will change. If this affects you, Jobcentre Plus will write to you personally before any changes take place.

For people in receipt of benefit, this will mean that all payments will be:

- paid to the same day, based on your National Insurance Number

- paid a minimum of fortnightly and continue to be paid in arrears.

Jobcentre Plus will contact everyone who is affected at least 4 weeks before these changes take place. If you are one of these people, that communication will provide all the details you need.

For further information, please visit our website at www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/paydaychanges
Things you may wish to consider

To help you manage your money through this period of change, it may be useful to consider the following when we write to you:

- If you pay any of your bills by direct debit or standing orders, you will need to make sure that you have enough money in your account on the day that these are paid. This may mean changing the date on which you make these payments.

- If you have regular arrangements in place to repay a loan, you will need to make sure that you have enough money in your account on the day that this is paid.

- For any other payments you make on a weekly basis, you will need to make sure that you have enough money in your account at the time that these are due.
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