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Introduction

1. This section provides details of the claimant group that will be referred and the eligibility conditions for Skills for Work (Wales).

Claimant Group

2. Claimants who will benefit from participating in Skills for Work (Wales) are those who are deemed to have a skills barrier, (Essential Skills - literacy/numeracy or ESOL), that prevents them finding and securing work.

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3. The Skills for Work (Wales) programme is for Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and Employment Support Allowance (ESA) Work Related Activity Group (WRAG) claimants, including JSA lone parents, partners and carers. JSA conditionality, (being actively seeking and available for work), applies to these claimants.
4. Claimants who are part of joint claims to JSA are eligible for the Skills for Work (Wales) programme. Referrals will be made on an individual basis, based on the suitability of the claimant. Both members of a joint claim could be referred to the Skills for Work (Wales) programme if suitable; however, this would be treated as two referrals in the same way as if two separate individuals were referred.
5. Incapacity Benefit (IB) claimants who are found to be fit for work and moved to JSA will also be eligible for the Skills for Work (Wales) programme.
6. Lone parents with children over the age of five are required to claim JSA or ESA if appropriate, and would therefore also be eligible for the Skills for Work (Wales) programme.
7. The Skills for Work (Wales) programme is mandatory for all claimants who are referred. There is no voluntary access to Skills for Work (Wales).