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# **NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS (NRPF)**

# What is No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)?

The principle of NRPF was established as far back as 1971 and is a condition that has been applied to those staying here with a temporary immigration status under successive Governments. This is a well-established principle that protects taxpayer-funded public services from becoming overburdened.

Migrants coming to the UK are generally expected to maintain and support themselves and their families without posing a burden on the UK's welfare system.

## **Subject to NRPF:**

Most temporary migrants *e.g. study/work visas*.  
Also, migrants without lawful status in the UK.

## **Not subject to NRPF:**

Settlement is the point at which (most) migrants become eligible to access public funds *e.g. ILR, refugees and protected persons*



# What is a 'Public Fund'?

- Not all benefits and support services are considered to be public funds for immigration purposes.
- Those classed as public funds are set out in **s115 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** and at **paragraph 6 of the Immigration Rules**.

Not a public fund for immigration purposes

Access to healthcare or contribution-based benefits and statutory payments.



# Examples of public funds for immigration purposes

**Attendance Allowance**

**Adult Disability Payment**

**Carers Allowance**

**Carer's Allowance Supplement**

**Child Benefit**

**Child Disability Payment**

**Child Tax Credits**

**Child Winter Heating Assistance**

**Council Tax Reduction**

**Disability Living Allowance**

**Discretionary Support Payments**

**Funeral Support Payment**

**Housing & Homelessness Assistance**

**Housing Benefit**

**Health in Pregnancy Grant**

**Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**

**Income-related Employment & Support Allowance**

**Income Support**

**Job Start Payment**

**Personal Independence Payment**

**Scottish Child Payment**

**Severe Disablement Allowance**

**Social Fund Payments**

**State Pension Credit**

**Universal Credit**

**Working Tax Credit**

**Winter Heating Payment**

# Recent amendment to the list of 'Public Funds'

On 5th October 2023, the following changes were made to the list of 'public funds' set out in paragraph 6 of the immigration rules:

- **Removed:** 'Council Tax Benefit' (which was abolished 2013/14)
- **Replaced:** 'Social Fund' payment with the full names of the five benefits the Social Fund
- **Added:** Eight Social Security Scotland (SSS) benefits (that are either equivalent to DWP administered benefits which are already included in the list of public funds or are not available to those with NRPF due to the need to be in receipt of a qualifying benefit).

There are strong and important safeguards in place to ensure vulnerable migrants can receive support, including migrants who are destitute and have community care needs, or where there is a risk to the wellbeing of a child.

# Any questions?

