

**DWP Partner Update January 2023**

**Count of customers – Universal Credit and Legacy benefits (Stats Xplore 19/01)**

**Jobseekers Allowance at May 2022 – Argyll & Bute**

Male	103
Female	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>

**Employment & Support Allowance at May 2022 – Argyll & Bute**

<b>Phase of claim</b>	
Assessment phase	88
Work Related Activity Group	293

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- £301 First Cost of Living Payment during Spring 2023
- £150 Disability Payment during Summer 2023
- £300 Second Cost of Living Payment during Autumn 2023
- £300 Pensioner Payment during Winter 2023/24
- £299 Third Cost of Living Payment during Spring 2024

been updated to  
include a link to information about Cost of Living Payments during 2023 and 2024. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment>

And exercise has already started to look at previous waiver requests that took place prior to 11/1/21. A guidance page [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) explains the process and asks claimants to share evidence if they feel their RHP should be waived. Applications can only be considered if a request was made to waive the RHP between 1/1/14 and 11/1/21 and was refused at the time. With the evidence,

### **Automatic Enrolment – employer workplace pension duties**

Automatic enrolment is a continuous responsibility for all employers, from ensuring they maintain pensions contributions to completing re-enrolment. The Pensions Regulator (TPR) provides information for employers to help them prevent errors.

## Minimum Wage Increases

The National Living Wage will rise to £10.42 from 1/4/23, an increase of one-third of median earnings by 2024. The recommendations were unanimously agreed by Commissioners and accepted fully by the Government. [Large minimum wage increases help protect low-paid workers' living standards - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

## Employers who have signed up to the Disability Confident scheme

This document lists employers who have signed up to the Disability Confident scheme, and their status (committed, employer or leader). [Employers that have signed up to the Disability Confident scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Disability Confident scheme aims to help employers make the most of the opportunities provided by employing disabled people. The Disability Confident scheme has 3 levels that have been designed to support employers on their Disability Confident journey. Employers must complete each level before moving on to the next, it is free to sign up and use the guidance [How to sign up to the Disability Confident employer scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

## Winter Fuel Payment

11.6 million Winter Fuel and Cost of Living Payments have been made to pensioners across the UK so far this winter. Pensioners [Up to £600](#)

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**11/1/23**