

DOMESTIC PURPOSES BENEFIT

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Introduction

There are three different types of Domestic Purposes Benefit:-

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- **Domestic Purposes Benefit - Sole Parents** : [Introduction](#) : [Contents](#)
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The Domestic Purposes Benefit - sole parent - provides income support for sole parents with one or more dependent children. Clients receiving Domestic Purposes Benefit - sole parent - also have specific planning obligations.

For more detailed information on the Domestic Purposes Benefit - sole parent - see:

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Legislation

- sections [27A](#) and [27B](#) Social Security Act 1964

Obligations

Domestic Purposes Benefit clients have the following obligations:

- they must advise of any change in circumstances that affect their entitlement or rate of benefit payable
- if required, they must participate in the Personal Development and Employment planning process, that may include:

- attending interviews

- developing and signing a Person Development and Employment Plan

- taking part in a regular review of their Plan (depending on their individual circumstances)

- showing commitment to the goals they have included in their Plan

- if they are a sole parent, apply for Child Support

Note clients receiving the Domestic Purposes Benefit **cannot** be pressured into taking up or accepting employment.

Domestic Purposes Benefit - sole parent – Payment Rate

The Domestic Purposes Benefit - sole parent – weekly rate at 1 April 2009 is **Gross \$316.22** and **Net \$272.70**. This is taxed at 'M'.