

APPENDIX

**SUBMISSION FROM THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT – PASSPORTED BENEFITS**

The following information was provided by the Scottish Government following the Committee's request for a breakdown of existing devolved passported benefits including their associated criteria.

**Scope and scale of passported benefits**

Area	Relevant criteria	Client group	Number of people affected
<b>Education related benefits</b>			
Free school lunches	<p>Pupils attending school whose parents are in receipt of any of the following reserved UK benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income support</li> <li>• Income-based jobseeker's allowance</li> <li>• Any income related element of employment and support allowance</li> <li>• Child tax credit (but not working tax credit) with an income less than £15,860</li> <li>• Both maximum child tax credit and maximum working tax credit with an income under £6,420</li> <li>• Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999</li> </ul> <p>Young people aged between 16-18 years who receive any of these benefits can also claim free school lunches in their own right.</p>	Children and young people in full time school education	In 2010 118,963 pupils were registered to receive free school lunches. This represented 17.8% of the total pupil population.
Individual Learning Accounts	All Scottish residents with an income of £22,000 or less or who are in receipt of any one of the following reserved benefits:	Low paid/low skilled individuals	Over 110,000 ILA accounts were opened in 2010-11.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jobseeker's allowance (income and contribution based)</li> <li>• Income support</li> <li>• Carer's allowance</li> <li>• Incapacity benefit</li> <li>• Maximum rate of child tax credit</li> <li>• State pension credit</li> <li>• Employment and support allowance (income and contribution based)</li> </ul>		
Education Maintenance Allowance	<p>Student age, household income (generally based on tax credit award notice) residential status and validity/level of course. There are two threshold limits, £20,351 for households with one dependant child and £22,403 for households with more than one dependant child.</p>	Low income young people (16-19) in non-advanced post-compulsory education	2010-11 in which 34,780 young people received an EMA.
Student loans Higher Education	A student loan can be written off/cancelled if a borrower receives a disability related benefit and is considered permanently unfit for work.	Student loan borrowers	For academic year 2011-12 under 50 borrowers were affected.
Legal Aid	<p>Applicants qualify financially for legal aid with no contribution if they receive one of the following benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income support</li> <li>• Income-related employment and support allowance</li> </ul> <p>Income-based jobseeker's allowance.</p>	Low income in need of justice	In 2010-11, there were 271,974 grants for legal aid (both civil and criminal), of which some 52 per cent were made on a passported basis.
Court exemption fees	Exemptions from court fees are available to those in receipt of:	Low income individuals seeking court	A total of 33,500 applications were exempt during 2010-11.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income support</li> <li>• Income related employment support allowance</li> <li>• Income based jobseeker's allowance</li> <li>• Working tax credit and child tax credit (up to gross annual income of £16,642)</li> </ul>	action	
Blue badge parking	Persons receiving higher rate mobility payment of disability living allowance.		135,000 badges were issued in 2010-11 to those on higher rate mobility component of DLA out of a total of 270,000.
Eligibility criteria for the National Concessionary Travel Scheme for Older and Disabled People. (NCT)	Higher rate of the mobility component of disability living allowance or the higher or middle rate of the care component of disability living allowance.	Older and disabled people	Around 16% of those who currently use the scheme are eligible because they are in receipt of a passported benefit.
Free NHS dental treatment	<p>Group 1: Everyone receiving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income support</li> <li>• Income based jobseeker's allowance</li> <li>• Income related employment support allowance</li> <li>• Pensions credit guarantee</li> </ul> <p>Group 2: people receiving the following tax credits are eligible if their income is below a threshold amount - currently £15,276 gross taxable per year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working tax credit with a disability or severe disability element</li> <li>• Child tax credit with</li> </ul>	Those meeting the criteria for an income based benefit, and who need NHS dental treatment.	Unknown – count number of treatment claim forms submitted not number of individuals.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>working tax credit</li> <li>• Child tax credit</li> </ul>		
Optical voucher	<p>Group 1: Everyone receiving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income support</li> <li>• Income based jobseeker's allowance</li> <li>• Income related employment support allowance</li> <li>• Pensions credit guarantee</li> </ul> <p>Group 2: people receiving the following tax credits are eligible if their income is below a threshold amount - currently £15,276 gross taxable per year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working tax credit with a disability or severe disability element</li> <li>• Child tax credit with working tax credit</li> <li>• Child tax credit</li> </ul>	Those meeting the criteria for an income based benefit in need of need of glasses or contact lenses.	Year ending March 2011, there were 322,116 passported claims processed for the provision of glasses/contact lenses.
Travel costs to NHS premises	<p>Group 1: Everyone receiving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income support</li> <li>• Income based jobseeker's allowance</li> <li>• Income related employment support allowance</li> <li>• Pensions credit guarantee</li> </ul> <p>Group 2: people receiving the following tax credits are eligible if their income is below a threshold amount - currently £15,276 gross taxable per year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working tax credit with a disability or severe</li> </ul>	Low income in need of need health treatment, including a routine check up.	Data not collected centrally.

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	disability element <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child tax credit with working tax credit</li> <li>• Child tax credit</li> </ul>		
Energy Assistance Package	Applicants for stage 3 of the package are entitled to receive free or subsidised insulation from an energy supplier on the basis of their existing entitlement to specific benefits. These reserved benefits are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pension credit</li> <li>• Child tax credit or working tax credit (where income is less than the qualifying threshold)</li> <li>• Employment and support allowance (both income related and contribution based)</li> <li>• Attendance allowance</li> <li>• Disability living allowance</li> <li>• Income support, income based jobseeker's allowance</li> <li>• Housing benefit</li> <li>• Council tax benefit</li> </ul>	Fuel poor	Not possible to identify claims at stages 3 and 4 that were passported as benefits in kind.