## News story: Home Office announces repayment scheme for victims of modern slavery



The government has today announced a <u>repayment scheme for potential victims</u> of <u>modern slavery</u> who received asylum support in England and Wales between 1 March and 8 November 2018.

This comes after a High Court ruling on 8 November found those affected had lost out on support.

Following the ruling, the Home Office immediately reinstated a top up payment to this group and has put in place a process for contacting all affected individuals who are entitled to a back-payment.

From today, anyone who was in receipt of support through the National Referral Mechanism and Asylum Support Regulations who received less than £65 a week between 1 March and 8 November 2018 can claim a back payment.

People who are currently receiving support will receive a letter from the Home Office setting out how much they are entitled to and when they will be paid. Those who are no longer receiving support can apply for a back payment using an application form.

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