

## **Universal Credit – the Tricky Bits**

### **Handout 2 – Immigration Status for UC**

1. Awa is from Somalia. She came to the UK six years ago and has lived in Hampshire ever since. At first she had a one year visa, but now she has indefinite leave to remain with no restrictions. Can she claim Universal Credit now?
  
2. Claire is British and has lived with her partner Tariq in London for the last three years. Tariq has a public funds restriction on his visa. Can they claim Universal Credit?
  
3. Noro, who is Czech, has been in the UK for seven years and now has a full time but low paid job. He applied for, and was awarded Settled Status under the EUSS. He wants to know if he can claim Universal Credit to top up his wage and help with the rent.
  
4. Hubert, who is Austrian, has been in the UK since April 2019 and has had a full time but low paid job. He applied for, and was awarded Pre-settled Status under the EUSS. He wants to know if he can claim Universal Credit to top up his wage and help with the rent.
  
5. Carole is a British citizen, returning to the UK after 6 years working in New Zealand. She has no job but is looking for work. Can she claim UC?
  
6. Ewa and Dietrich make a joint UC claim. Ewa is a French national living in the UK with Settled Status, and is in the process of bringing her partner Didier, into the UK. Didier is a Brazilian national with NRPF condition in his passport. Ewa decides to make a claim for UC. What will happen to their claim?
  - a) the claim will still be processed as a joint claim but dependant on the remaining claimant getting Settled Status
  - b) the claim will be suspended and both claimants will fail
  - c) the claim will be treated as a single claim but the income & capital of the ineligible partner will be taken into account
  
7. Greta is a Belgian national who has lived in the UK since she was brought here as a 6-year-old child in 2006. She is now 21. She hasn't applied to the settlement scheme because she didn't know she needed to. Can she get UC?