

Home Office: Signs of wealth

With regard to signs of wealth (assets) Page 7(2.1) of Home Office “assessing destitution” policy bulletin (03/07/2014) lists the assets which should be taken into account when determining someone eligibility for support which states;

“The assets which must be taken into account in determining destitution are listed at Regulation 6(5) of the Asylum Support Regulations.

Those assets are –

- (a) cash;*
- (b) savings;*
- (c) investments;*
- (d) land;*
- (e) cars or other vehicles; and*
- (f) goods held for the purpose of a trade or other business*

Any assets not mentioned above must be ignored. However, jewellery and other personal possessions are usually excluded from the consideration of assets unless they are collectively worth £1,000 or more”

So, if one has been granted support on the basis that they have been assessed as destitute by the Home Office and their material circumstances do not change whereby the service user does not acquire personal possessions with a collective value of over £1000, they continue to be eligible for support.

In summary, any items such as laptops, smartphones etc are fine as long as their collective cost is not over £1,000.