

16 August 2021

Following the announcement that Parliament is to be recalled on Wednesday 18 August, we thought it would be helpful remind you of the costs you can claim to return to Parliament for the debate.

Section 10.16 of [The Scheme](#) sets out the rules for the recall of Parliament.

In the event of a recall of Parliament during recess, IPSA will pay claims for any reasonable travel by MPs and their spouses, partners or dependants to Westminster or their London Area residence. This includes international travel back to the UK and, if necessary, return travel to the foreign location, from which they were recalled. MPs will be expected to claim for standard class or equivalent fares unless they have no alternative, or there is a more cost effective option available.

If you incur extra costs for covid tests due to the recall, for example you have booked and paid for covid tests based on your original travel dates, you will be able to claim the cost of additional covid tests or the administration fee to change the date of pre-booked tests.

Please reschedule pre-booked flights and covid tests where possible to reduce the additional costs.

Staff members are not included in the recall to Parliament and we do not pay for international travel for staff. Costs related to staff members are at your discretion and can be claimed under normal Scheme rules from existing budgets.

You can book your travel and accommodation in the usual ways: via the Travel Office, using your payment card or making payments yourself and claiming the cost back as a reimbursement.

Payment card limits will be increased to assist with high-value purchases relating to the recall. During August the monthly limit will be £8,000 and the limit for single transactions will be £4,000. If you have any issues with your payment card, or any other queries, please contact us on **020 7811 6400**.

Best wishes

The IPSA Team

