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Getting some extra help once I retired

We're reminding older Londoners to claim the support they're entitled to. Erma explains how Pension Credit helped her when she needed it ...

I found out about Pension Credit while I was working because I worked over my retirement age. I used to get Working Tax Credit so when I did finish work I phoned the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to enquire about what other help I was entitled to. I spoke to a gentleman who asked me how much pension I was currently getting and he told me about Pension Credit. I was sent a form to fill out and now I get it.

Pension Credit helped me and it could help you too. I say to people 'find out if you're entitled to it'. There's no harm in picking up the phone or going to an Age UK centre. When you get sent your pension, there's a booklet in there. Of course it's up to people to read it through and see what they're entitled to. I worked until I was 69 and the funny thing is once you stop working you need all the help you can get!

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