

Universal Credit and Proposed Implications 2013 and Beyond

When	From 2013	From 2013	From 2013	From 2013	From 2013	From 2013	From 2013
What	Tax Credits	Single Room Supplement	Universal Credit	Universal Credit	Universal Credit	Disability Living Allowance	Child Benefit
<p>How will the change affect you</p>	<p>Backdate rules are reduced from three months to one month.</p> <p>Couples with children must work 24 hours and one must work at least 16 hours.</p> <p>If your income is reduced by £2,500 per year your tax credits will not be increased.</p> <p>Age 50 element removed.</p>	<p>If you are between the ages of 16 and 25 and you claim housing benefit, your age may affect the amount you can receive. Some of these restrictions will also apply to people under the age of 35 from April 2012</p>	<p>Benefit caps of £500 for couples and £350 for single people.</p> <p>Social Fund loans, War widow payments and the new Disability Living Allowance Award will not be included in this cap.</p>	<p>Housing Benefit will no longer exist, this will be included in the Universal Credit.</p> <p>It is suggested that it maybe paid direct to the claimant and only to the landlord in exceptional circumstances.</p>	<p>Working aged people may have their housing costs reduced to reflect the size of their family.</p> <p>This may means that if some one has lived in a 3 bedroom house and the children have left home, they will only be awarded housing costs for a one bed house. This will leave a large shortfall that they have to make up.</p>	<p>Will be replaced by a new benefit called Personal Independence Payment.</p> <p>It is thought that this benefit will work on a points basis and that the claimant will have to attend a medial with the Department's medical advisers</p>	<p>Withdrawn form households paying tax at the higher rate.</p>

If you have any question regarding this information, please telephone your Welfare Benefits Officer on 0300 303 2500

We are here to help, the information detailed in this publication was correct as at June 2011 but may change.