

Pathfinder conditions

These conditions apply to claims made or treated as made from 29 April 2013 to 15 June 2014 in certain relevant districts.

In summary, at the date of claim the claimant must:

- live in a relevant district
- be single
- be a British Citizen who has resided in the UK continuously in the two years prior to the date of claim without leaving the UK for a continuous period of 4 weeks or more during that period
- be aged 18 or over and under 60 years and 6 months
- have a national insurance number
- not be pregnant or given birth in the last 15 weeks
- not have a doctor’s statement in respect of the day on which the UC claim is made (unless it is subsequently determined that they do not have limited capability to work), must not be waiting for a doctor’s statement, must declare that they do not consider themselves to be unfit for work and must not have a determination that they have limited capability for work (unless it has been determined later that they do not have LCW)
- have capital under £6,000
- have expected earned income in the one month period from the date of claim of under £270 (under 25) or £330 (aged 25 or over)
- Not have any self-employed earnings
- Not be in any education or training of any kind
- Not have a deputy appointed or any other person acting on their behalf in relation to the UC claim.
- not be homeless or in certain types of supported accommodation
- live in the same household as a person who is a member of the regular or reserve forces and is absent from the home in connection with those duties
- not own (or partly own) their own home
- not have responsibility for a child or qualifying young person
- not be liable to pay child support maintenance by CMEC
- not be a carer including a foster carer
- must not have an appointee or receiver acting for them in respect of their UC claim

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- Disability Living Allowance
- Personal independence payment

A claimant who is entitled to housing benefit or is entitled (or treated as entitled) to tax credits is not precluded from meeting the gateway conditions.

Note that if a claimant is waiting for a decision on housing benefit, tax credits, old style JSA, old style ESA or income support then they cannot claim.

Where the claimant is awaiting the application for revision of a decision relating to JSA, ESA, IS or HB they will not meet the gateway conditions. Similarly if they have appeal against certain benefits.