

Universal Credit Rates - Amounts for each assessment period

Element		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Standard Allowance					
	Single claimant under 25	£246.81	£249.28	£251.77	no change
	Single claimant 25 and over	£311.55	£314.67	£317.82	no change
	Joint claimants, both under 25	£387.42	£391.29	£395.20	no change
	Joint claimants, either/both 25 and over	£489.06	£493.95	£498.89	no change
Child Element					
	1 st child or qualifying young person	£272.08	£274.58	277.08	no change
	2 nd & subsequent child or qualifying young person	£226.67	£229.17	231.67	no change
Additional amount for disabled child or qualifying young person					
	Lower rate	£123.62	£124.86	£126.11	no change
	Higher rate	£352.92	£362.92	£367.92	no change
LCW and LCWRA					
	Limited capability for work	£123.62	£124.86	£126.11	no change
	Limited capability for work & work related activity	£303.66	£311.86	£315.60	no change
Carer element		£144.70	£148.61	£150.39	no change
Childcare costs element (up to April 2016, limited to 70% of the relevant childcare charges or the	Maximum amount for one child (70% of 760.42)	£532.29	£532.29	*no change	£646.35

maximum amounts whichever is the lower, from April 2016, rate rises to 85% of the relevant childcare charges or the maximum amount whichever is the lower)					
	Maximum amount for 2 or more children (70% of 1303.57)	£912.50	£912.50	*no change	£1108.04
Housing costs element					
	Tenants	The lower of the broad market rental area amount for the number of bedrooms the claimant is entitled to or the actual rent. As long as a claimant doesn't have a change of circumstance, the amount of Universal Credit received to cover housing costs will be the same each month. This means that where rental agreements include rent free periods the Universal Credit payment will be based on the total yearly rent divided by 12.	No change	no change	
	Owner occupier (not	Not payable during	No change	no change	

	applicable if in paid work)	initial qualifying period of 3 months. Some service charges are covered by this element including internal or external maintenance or repair of the accommodation if it is part of a social housing property award. Calculated from the amount of mortgage/ loan outstanding up to maximum of £200k. Multiplied by a standard rate (3.63%) and then divided by 12.			
Capital limits					
	Lower limit	£6000	£6000	no change	no change
	Upper limit	£16,000	£16000	no change	no change
	Tariff income	£4.35 per £250 of income between the lower limit and upper limit	£4.35 per £250 of income between the lower limit and upper limit	no change	no change
Higher work allowance (where the UC award does not contain any housing costs element)					
	Single claimant – no	£111	£111	no change	nil

	responsibility for a child or qualifying young person				
	Single claimant – responsible for one or more children or qualifying young people	£734	£734	no change	£397.00
	Single claimant – limited capability for work	£647	£647	no change	£397.00
	Joint claimants – neither responsible for a child or qualifying young person	£111	£111	no change	nil
	Joint claimants – responsible for one or more children or qualifying young people	£536	£536	no change	£397.00
	Joint claimants – one or both have limited capability for work	£647	£647	no change	£397.00
Lower work allowance (where the UC award contains housing costs element)					
	Single claimant – no responsibility for a child or qualifying young person	£111	£111	no change	nil
	Single claimant – responsible for one or more children or qualifying young people	£263	£263	no change	£192.00
	Single claimant – limited capability for work	£192	£192	no change	£192.00
	Joint claimants – neither responsible for a child or	£111	£111	no change	nil

	qualifying young person				
	Joint claimants – responsible for one or more children or qualifying young people	£222	£222	no change	£192.00
	Joint claimants – one or both have limited capability for work	£192	£192	no change	£192.00
Non-dependent housing cost contributions		£68.00	£68.68	£69.37	£69.37
Overall maximum deduction rates at 40% of UC standard allowance					
	Single under 25	£98.72	£99.71	£100.71	£100.71
	Single aged 25 or over	£124.62	£125.87	£127.13	£127.13
	Couple – both under 25	£154.97	£156.52	£158.08	£158.08
	Couple – one or both 25 or over	£195.62	£197.58	£199.56	£199.56
Fraud overpayments, recoverable hardship payments and administrative penalties at 40% of UC standard allowance					
	Single under 25	£98.72	£99.71	£100.71	£100.71
	Single aged 25 or over	£124.62	£125.87	£127.13	£127.13
	Couple – both under 25	£154.97	£156.52	£158.08	£158.08
	Couple – one or both 25 or over	£195.62	£197.58	£199.56	£199.56

Normal overpayments and civil penalties at 15% of UC standard allowance					
	Single under 25	£37.02	£37.39	£37.77	£37.77
	Single aged 25 or over	£46.73	£47.20	£47.67	£47.67
	Couple – both under 25	£58.11	£58.69	£59.28	£59.28
	Couple – one or both 25 or over	£73.36	£74.09	£74.83	£74.83
Normal overpayments and civil penalties at 25% of UC standard allowance if the claimants and/or partner's earnings are over the work allowance					
	Single under 25	£61.70	£62.32	£62.94	£62.94
	Single aged 25 or over	£77.89	£78.67	£79.46	£79.46
	Couple – both under 25	£96.86	£97.82	£98.80	£98.80
	Couple – one or both 25 or over	£122.27	£123.49	£124.72	£124.72
Third party deductions at 5% of UC standard allowance					
	Single under 25	£12.34	£12.46	£12.59	£12.59
	Single aged 25 or over	£15.58	£15.73	£15.89	£15.89

	Couple – both under 25	£19.37	£19.56	£19.76	£19.76
	Couple – one or both 25 or over	£24.45	£24.70	£24.94	£24.94
	Maximum deduction for fines	108.35	108.35	no change	no change