

Universal Credit Rates - Amounts for each assessment period

Element		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-2018	2018-2019
Standard Allowance							
	Single claimant under 25	£246.81	£249.28	£251.77	£251.77	£251.77	£251.77
	Single claimant 25 and over	£311.55	£314.67	£317.82	£317.82	£317.82	£317.82
	Joint claimants, both under 25	£387.42	£391.29	£395.20	£395.20	£395.20	£395.20
	Joint claimants, either/both 25 and over	£489.06	£493.95	£498.89	£498.89	£498.89	£498.89
Child Element							
	1 st child or qualifying young person	£272.08	£274.58	£277.08	£277.08	£277.08	£277.08
	2 nd & subsequent child or qualifying young person	£226.67	£229.17	£231.67	£231.67	£231.67	£231.67
Additional amount for disabled child or qualifying young person							
	Lower rate	£123.62	£124.86	£126.11	£126.11	£126.11	£126.11
	Higher rate	£352.92	£362.92	£367.92	£367.92	£372.30	£383.86
LCW and LCWRA							
	Limited capability for work	£123.62	£124.86	£126.11	£126.11	£126.11	£126.11

	Limited capability for work & work related activity	£303.66	£311.86	£315.60	£315.60	£318.76	£328.32
Carer element		£144.70	£148.61	£150.39	£150.39	£151.89	£156.45
Childcare costs element (up to April 2016, limited to 70% of the relevant childcare charges or the 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 one child	£532.29	£532.29	£532.29	£646.35	£646.35	£646.35
	Maximum amount for 2 or more children	£912.50	£912.50	£912.50	£1108.04	£1108.04	£1108.04
Housing costs element							
	Tenants	The lower of the broad market rental area amount for the number of bedrooms the claimant is	No change	no change	No change	No change	No change

		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.					
	Owner occupier (not applicable if in paid work)	Not payable during initial qualifying period of 3 months. Some service charges are covered by this element including	No change	no change	No change	No Change	No Change

		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	£6000	£6000	£6000	£6000
	Upper limit	£16,000	£16000	£16000	£16000	£16000	£16000
	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	£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	£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

Higher work allowance (where the UC award does not contain any housing costs element)							
	Single claimant – no responsibility for a child or qualifying young person	£111	£111	£111	nil	nil	nil
	Single claimant – responsible for one or more children or qualifying young people	£734	£734	£734	£397.00	£397.00	£409.00
	Single claimant – limited capability for work	£647	£647	£647	£397.00	£397.00	£409.00
	Joint claimants – neither responsible for a child or qualifying young person	£111	£111	£111	nil	nil	nil
	Joint claimants – responsible for one or more children or qualifying young people	£536	£536	£536	£397.00	£397.00	£409.00

	Joint claimants – one or both have limited capability for work	£647	£647	£647	£397.00	£397.00	£409.00
Lower work allowance (where the UC award contains housing costs element)							
	Single claimant – no responsibility for a child or qualifying young person	£111	£111	£111	nil	nil	nil
	Single claimant – responsible for one or more children or qualifying young people	£263	£263	£263	£192.00	£192.00	£198.00
	Single claimant – limited capability for work	£192	£192	£192	£192.00	£192.00	£198.00
	Joint claimants – neither responsible for a child or qualifying young person	£111	£111	£111	nil	nil	nil
	Joint claimants – responsible for one or more	£222	£222	£222	£192.00	£192.00	£198.00

	children or qualifying young people						
	Joint claimants – one or both have limited capability for work	£192	£192	£192	£192.00	£192.00	£198.00
	Non-dependent housing cost contributions	£68.00	£68.68	£69.37	£69.37	£70.06	£72.16
	Overall maximum deduction rates at 40% of UC standard allowance						
	Single under 25	£98.72	£99.71	£100.71	£100.71	£100.71	£100.71
	Single aged 25 or over	£124.62	£125.87	£127.13	£127.13	£127.13	£127.13
	Couple – both under 25	£154.97	£156.52	£158.08	£158.08	£158.08	£158.08
	Couple – one or both 25 or over	£195.62	£197.58	£199.56	£199.56	£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	£100.71	£100.71

	Single aged 25 or over	£124.62	£125.87	£127.13	£127.13	£127.13	£127.13
	Couple – both under 25	£154.97	£156.52	£158.08	£158.08	£158.08	£158.08
	Couple – one or both 25 or over	£195.62	£197.58	£199.56	£199.56	£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	£37.77	£37.77
	Single aged 25 or over	£46.73	£47.20	£47.67	£47.67	£47.67	£47.67
	Couple – both under 25	£58.11	£58.69	£59.28	£59.28	£59.28	£59.28
	Couple – one or both 25 or over	£73.36	£74.09	£74.83	£74.83	£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	£62.94	£62.94

	Single aged 25 or over	£77.89	£78.67	£79.46	£79.46	£79.46	£79.46
	Couple – both under 25	£96.86	£97.82	£98.80	£98.80	£98.80	£98.80
	Couple – one or both 25 or over	£122.27	£123.49	£124.72	£124.72	£124.72	£124.72
Third party deductions at 5% of UC standard allowance							
	Single under 25	£12.34	£12.46	£12.59	£12.59	£12.59	£12.59
	Single aged 25 or over	£15.58	£15.73	£15.89	£15.89	£15.89	£15.89
	Couple – both under 25	£19.37	£19.56	£19.76	£19.76	£19.76	£19.76
	Couple – one or both 25 or over	£24.45	£24.70	£24.94	£24.94	£24.94	£24.94
	Maximum deduction for fines	108.35	108.35	108.35	108.35	108.35	108.35