

Universal Credit Rates - Amounts for each assessment period

Element		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Standard Allowance										*Temporary uplift for standard allowance rate applies April-Sept 2021 * Assessment periods ending on or after 24/11/21, taper rate is 55% and work allowance rates increase
	Single claimant under 25	£246.81	£249.28	£251.77	£251.77	£251.77	£251.77	£251.77	£342.72	*£344.00 £257.34
	Single claimant 25 and over	£311.55	£314.67	£317.82	£317.82	£317.82	£317.82	£317.82	£409.89	*£411.51 £324.85
	Joint claimants, both under 25	£387.42	£391.29	£395.20	£395.20	£395.20	£395.20	£395.20	£488.59	*£490.60 £403.94
	Joint claimants, either/both 25 and over	£489.06	£493.95	£498.89	£498.89	£498.89	£498.89	£498.89	£594.04	*£596.58 £509.92
Child Element										
	1st child or qualifying young person born prior to 6 April 2017	£272.08	£274.58	£277.08	£277.08	£277.08	£277.08	£277.08	£281.25	£282.50
	1st child (born on/after 6 April 2017) 2nd & subsequent child	£226.67	£229.17	£231.67	£231.67	£231.67	£231.67	£231.67	£235.83	£237.08

	or qualifying young person									
Additional amount for disabled child or qualifying young person										
	Lower rate	£123.62	£124.86	£126.11	£126.11	£126.11	£126.11	£126.11	£128.25	£128.89
	Higher rate	£352.92	£362.92	£367.92	£367.92	£372.30	£383.86	£392.08	£400.29	£402.41
LCW and LCWRA										
	Limited capability for work	£123.62	£124.86	£126.11	£126.11	£126.11	£126.11	£126.11	£128.25	£128.89
	Limited capability for work & work related activity	£303.66	£311.86	£315.60	£315.60	£318.76	£328.32	£336.20	£341.92	£343.63
Carer element		£144.70	£148.61	£150.39	£150.39	£151.89	£156.45	£160.20	£162.92	£163.73
Childcare costs element (from April 2016 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	£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	£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 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	No change	no change	No change	No change	No change	No change	No change	No change

		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 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/	No change	no change	No change	No Change	No Change	No change	No change	No change

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	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Single claimant – responsible for one or more children or qualifying young people	£263	£263	£263	£192.00	£192.00	£198.00	£287.00	£292.00	£293.00	£335.00	
Single claimant – limited capability for work	£192	£192	£192	£192.00	£192.00	£198.00	£287.00	£292.00	£293.00	£335.00	
Joint claimants – neither responsible for a child or qualifying young person	£111	£111	£111	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Joint claimants – responsible for one or more children or	£222	£222	£222	£192.00	£192.00	£198.00	£287.00	£292.00	£293.00	£335.00	

	qualifying young people										
	Joint claimants – one or both have limited capability for work	£192	£192	£192	£192.00	£192.00	£198.00	£287.00	£292.00	£293.00	£335.00
Non-dependent housing cost contributions		£68.00	£68.68	£69.37	£69.37	£70.06	£72.16	£73.89	£75.15	£75.53	
Overall maximum deduction rates at 40% of UC standard allowance									Overall maximum deduction rates at 30% of UC standard allowance	Overall maximum deduction rate at 25% UC standard allowance . *Temporary uplift in standard allowance rate applies April-September	
	Single under 25	£98.72	£99.71	£100.71	£100.71	£100.71	£100.71	£100.71	£102.81	*£86.00	£64.33
	Single aged 25 or over	£124.62	£125.87	£127.13	£127.13	£127.13	£127.13	£127.13	£122.96	*£102.88	£81.21
	Couple – both under 25	£154.97	£156.52	£158.08	£158.08	£158.08	£158.08	£158.08	£146.57	*£122.65	£100.98
	Couple – one or both 25 or over	£195.62	£197.58	£199.56	£199.56	£199.56	£199.56	£199.56	£178.21	*£149.15	£127.48
Fraud overpayments , recoverable hardship payments and administrative									Fraud overpayments, recoverable hardship payments	Fraud overpayments, recoverable hardship payments and administrative penalties 25% of UC standard allowance	

	Couple – both under 25	£19.37	£19.56	£19.76	£19.76	£19.76	£19.76	£19.76	£24.42	*£24.53	£20.20
	Couple – one or both 25 or over	£24.45	£24.70	£24.94	£24.94	£24.94	£24.94	£24.94	£29.70	*£29.83	£25.50
	Maximum deduction for fines	108.35	108.35	108.35	108.35	108.35	108.35	£108.35	£108.35	£108.35	