

18 to 21 year olds who can get help with housing costs

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You are claiming Universal Credit in a <u>live service area</u>	While this is the case
You are responsible for a child or a <u>qualifying young person</u>	While this is the case
You get the care component of Disability Living Allowance at the middle or highest rate	While you get that component
You get the daily living component of Personal Independence Payment	While you get that component
You have a physical or mental impairment and are not expected to work more than 35 hours a week	While this is the case
You are a relevant carer and are not expected to work more than 35 hours a week	While this is the case
You were a care leaver before the age of 18	Permanent
You are a victim of domestic violence	Permanent
You live in temporary accommodation	While this is the case
You have no parent	Permanent
You cannot live with your parents because they do not have a home in Great Britain	While this is the case

You cannot live with your parents because of a serious risk to your physical or mental health or significant risk of harm, or because it is inappropriate for you to live with them for another reason

You earn the monthly equivalent of 16x National Minimum Wage for 18 to 20 year olds in your Universal Credit assessment period

You have a contract as an apprentice on the last day of your Universal Credit assessment period. Continuing entitlement is dependent on you earning the monthly equivalent of 16x National Minimum Wage for apprentices during each assessment period

You have made a new claim to Universal Credit and earned the monthly equivalent of 16x National Minimum Wage for 18 to 20 year olds each month for the 6 calendar months before the month in which you made your claim to Universal Credit (see National Minimum Wage and the in-work threshold calculation below)

You have made a new claim for Universal Credit and you have been contracted as an apprentice for the 6 months before the month in which you claim Universal Credit and you were earning the monthly equivalent of 16X National Minimum Wage for apprentices throughout that period

You are an existing Universal Credit claimant and: a) earned the monthly equivalent of 16x National Minimum Wage for 18 to 20 year olds in each of the 6 previous assessment periods, or b) have received Universal Credit for less than 6 months and have earned the monthly equivalent of 16x National Minimum Wage for 18 to 20 year olds in each of the previous assessment periods and in any additional calendar months within the last 6 months but before the month in which you claimed.

You are an existing Universal Credit claimant contracted as an apprentice and: a) earned the monthly equivalent of 16x National Minimum Wage for apprentices in each of the 6 previous assessment periods, or b) have received

Universal Credit for less than 6 months and have earned the monthly equivalent of 16x National Minimum Wage for apprentices in each previous assessment period and in any additional calendar months within the last 6 months but before the month in which you claimed.

You are a member of a couple who claim Universal Credit as a couple	While you are a member of a couple
You are covered by multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) - for example: registered sex offenders, violent and other types of sexual offenders, offenders who pose a serious risk of harm to the public, certain claimants in Scotland who may cause serious harm to the public	While managed under Level 2 or Level 3 MAPPA
You are a prisoner in custody or on remand	Whilst a prisoner
You are attending a court or tribunal as a party to any proceedings or as a witness	While this is the case
You are under protection arrangements because you are involved in criminal investigations or proceedings	Up to 3 months
You are getting treatment for alcohol or drug dependency	Up to 6 months
You are abroad for no more than 6 months to get treatment for an illness or physical or mental impairment or for medically approved convalescence or care, or are accompanying a partner, child or qualifying young person for whom you are responsible and they are receiving such treatment, convalescence or care	Up to 6 months
Your partner or child has died in the last 6 months	6 months from the date of bereavement
You are taking part in activity that is in the nature of a <u>public duty</u> , for example jury service	While this is the case

You are expecting a baby within 11 weeks	For 11 weeks
You miscarry or your baby is stillborn after the 24th week of pregnancy	For 15 weeks after the miscarriage, or your baby is stillborn
You are unfit to work for up to 14 days	While this is the case (this exemption cannot be relied upon more than twice in a 12 month period)
You are not subject to 'all work-related requirements' conditionality as part of your Universal Credit claim	While this is the case
You are a Housing Benefit claimant who moves into a Universal Credit full service area or are transferred into Universal Credit full service by DWP and are entitled to Housing Benefit at the point that you move or are moved	As long as there is no break in your Universal Credit award or the Housing Costs element of it
You moved into a Universal Credit full service area or are transferred from Universal Credit live service to Universal Credit full service after 31 March 2017 and were receiving the Housing Costs element when you moved or were transferred	As long as there is no break in your Universal Credit award or the Housing Costs element of it
You have been claiming in Universal Credit full service since before 1 April 2017 and your claim includes the Housing Costs element	As long as there is no break in your Universal Credit award or the Housing Costs element of it

National Minimum Wage and the in-work threshold calculation

Minimum rates of pay - from April 2017

Age	National Minimum Wage	in-work threshold (16x NMW)
18 to 20	£5.60 an hour	£89.60
Apprentice	£3.50 an hour	£56.00

Apprentices are entitled to the apprentice rate if they're either:

- aged under 19
- aged 19 or over and in the first year of their apprenticeship