

Universal Credit Rates 2017-18

Below are the rates used to work out how much Universal Credit you might be entitled to.

Element		2017-18 rates per month
Standard Allowance	Single claimant under 25	£251.77
	Single claimant 25 and over	£317.82
	Joint claimants, both under 25	£395.20
	Joint claimants, either/both 25 and over	£498.89
Child Element	1 st child or qualifying young person (if born before 6 April 2017)	£277.08
	2 nd & subsequent child or qualifying young person. First child as well if born on or after 6 April 2017.	£231.67
Additional amount for disabled child or qualifying young person	Lower rate	£126.11
	Higher rate	£372.30

Limited capability for work	(Only for claims started before 3 April 2017)	£126.11
Limited capability for work & work related activity		£318.76
Carer element		£151.89
Childcare costs element	Maximum amount of childcare costs for one child (UC pays up to 85% or maximum whichever is lower)	£646.35
	Maximum amount for 2 or more children (UC pays up to 85% or maximum whichever is lower)	£1108.04
Capital limits	Lower limit	£6,000
	Upper limit	£16,000
	Tariff income	£4.35 per £250 of income (or part of £250) 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	£0

	Single claimant – responsible for one or more children or qualifying young people	£397
	Single claimant – limited capability for work	£397
	Joint claimants – neither responsible for a child or qualifying young person	£0
	Joint claimants – responsible for one or more children or qualifying young people	£397
	Joint claimants – one or both have limited capability for work	£397
Lower work allowance (where the UC award contains housing costs element)	Single claimant – no responsibility for a child or qualifying young person	£0
	Single claimant – responsible for one or more children or qualifying young people	£192
	Single claimant – limited capability for work	£192

	Joint claimants – neither responsible for a child or qualifying young person	£0
	Joint claimants – responsible for one or more children or qualifying young people	£192
	Joint claimants – one or both have limited capability for work	£192