

Universal Credit Rates for 2024/25

Elements:	
Single under 25 /25 or over	£311.68 / £393.45
Couple both under 25 / one 25+	£489.23 / £617.60
Child standard	Nil /£287.92
higher for 1st child if protection applies	£333.33
Disabled child low	£156.11
high	£487.58
LCW#	Nil /£156.11
LCWRA	£416.19
Carer~	£198.31
Housing Costs	vary
Childcare Costs (85% of costs paid) to maximum of:	£1014.63 1 child £1739.37 2+ children
Transitional SDP Element Plus (where entitled):	£140.97 / £334.81 / £475.79
DP:£183.52/£262.48 EDP:£89.63/£128.04 CDE:£188.86	
Managed Migration Transitional Element - varies	

Work Allowance	Low*	high
Single	£0	£0
Single parent	£404	£673
Single with limited capability for work	£404	£673
Couple	£0	£0
Couple with child/ren	£404	£673
Couple one/both limited capability for work	£404	£673
Only one allowance – whichever is highest. *Low rate applies where UC award includes a Housing Costs Element or where living in temporary accommodation.		

Benefit Cap	
Couples & families in Greater London	£2110.25
Couples & families outside Greater London	£1835.00
Single (no kids) in Greater London	£1413.92
Single (no kids) outside Greater London	£1229.42

Non-Dep Housing Costs deduction:	£91.47
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Child Two Child limit rules may apply – no third plus child element for a child born on or after 6th April 2017 unless excluded from these rules- see website. Higher amount included for 1st child if born before 6th April 2017.

Disabled Child High if: Child on DLA/CDP high-rate care, or enhanced daily living of Personal Independence Payment, or certified as severely sight impaired or blind by a consultant ophthalmologist. Low if: Child on other rate of DLA/CDP or PIP.

Limited capability for work / work related activities (only one included even where both members of couple entitled)
Limited capability for work (LCW): found to have LCW or treated as (eg those in hospital / pension age and on AA/PIP/DLA/ADP – although must provide fit note and serve ‘relevant period’). # **NOTE: LCW Element** only included where the claimant / partner / both was referred for their Work Capability Assessment before 3.4.17 & has continued to claim UC & have a LCW since, or where claimant transferred from ESA which included WRAG component and has continued to have LCW since.
Limited capability for work related activities (LCWRA) This will be included where the claimant / partner / both have been assessed as (or treated as) having LCWRA via a Work Capability Assessment, (or where the claimant / partner is Pension Credit age and entitled either to AA, high-rate care DLA/ADP or the enhanced daily living PIP). Only one element will be included where both members of a couple are found to have LCW/LCWRA – whichever is higher. May need to request a WCA. If working and earning 16hrs pw x minimum wage or more, can only have a WCA if getting DLA/PIP/ADP/AA/AFIP. Where new WCA requested, unless person is terminally ill, there will be a waiting period of 3 months before it is included in the assessment – it will be included from the beginning of the assessment period that follows the 3 month waiting period.
Started work? If claimant has LCW/LCWRA Element and starts element will continue until they are found fit for work.

Carer Where claimant or partner meet the claiming criteria for Carers Allowance (ignoring the earnings condition), ie caring 35 hours a week or more for someone (including a child) on DLA/CDP care mid or high, or on a daily living component of PIP/ADP, AFIP, CAA or AA. They do not need to be getting Carers Allowance. NOTE: The Carer Element is not paid in addition to a LCW / LCWRA in respect of the *same* claimant – the element included is whichever is the higher.

Childcare Can be included for lone parents who are working – regardless of the hours worked - and for couples who are both working (or one working and the other has LCW/LCWRA, a carer or in hospital/prison) – again regardless of the hours worked. The element will be worked out on a monthly basis – taking into account the childcare paid for a child up to the 1st Sept following their 16th birthday for ‘relevant childcare’ to enable the claimant to continue working. To be included the costs must be reported on time – see website. Maximum amount April 2024 £1014.63 for 1 child / £1739.37 for 2 or more.

Transitional SDP Element Included where claimant was on IR-ESA, IS or IB-JSA with a Severe Disability Premium before making claim for UC, still met conditions for SDP on day made claim and not entitled to a Managed Migration Transitional Element – see website. *Note: can be eroded or lost altogether. (See website for more details)*

Transitional Element Included where claimant has moved onto UC through the manage migration process, who made a ‘qualifying claim’ for UC and whose Total legacy Amount was higher than their Indicative UC Amount on their Migration Day – see website. *Note: can be eroded or lost altogether. (See website for more details)*