

## Universal Credit monthly rates

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<b>Universal Credit (monthly rates)</b>	<b>April 2019 – March 2020</b>
<b>Universal Credit Minimum Amount</b>	0.01
<b>Standard allowance</b>	
Single under 25	251.77
Single 25 or over	317.82
Joint claimants both under 25	395.20
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	498.89
<b>Carer amount</b>	160.20

<b>Child amounts</b>	
First child or qualifying young person born before 6 April 2017	277.08
First child born on or after 6 April 2017	
Second and subsequent child or qualifying young person	231.67
<b>Disabled child additions</b>	
Lower rate addition	126.11
Higher rate addition	392.08
Childcare costs amount	
Maximum for one child	646.35
Maximum for two or more children	1108.04
Non-dependants' housing cost contributions	73.89
Limited Capability for Work	
Limited Capability for Work amount and you started your health-related Universal Credit or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) claim before 3 April 2017	126.11
Limited Capability for Work and Work-Related Activity amount	336.20
Work allowances	
<b>Higher work allowance</b> (no housing) - Single or joint claimant responsible for a child or qualifying young person, or with limited capability for work	503.00
<b>Lower work allowance</b> – (housing included in Universal Credit) Single or joint claimant responsible for a child or qualifying young person, or with limited capability for work	287.00
<b>Assumed income from capital for every £250 or part thereof, between capital disregard and upper capital limit</b>	4.35
Sanctions	
<b>Universal Credit daily reduction</b>	
100% reduction - High, medium or low level sanctions apply - claimants aged 18 or over	
Single under 25	8.20

Single 25 or over	10.40
Joint claimants both under 25 (per sanctioned claimant)	6.40
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over and one is sanctioned (per sanctioned claimant)	8.20
<b>40% reduction - Lowest level sanction applies</b>	
Single under 25 (including under 18)	3.30
Single 25 or over	4.10
Joint claimants both under 25 (per sanctioned claimant)	2.50
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over (per sanctioned claimant)	3.20
<b>ESA daily reduction</b>	
Under 25	8.20
25 or over	10.40
<b>Deductions</b>	
<b>Third Party Deductions at 5% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance (excludes deductions for rent and service charges included in rent)</b>	
Single under 25	12.59
Single 25 or over	15.89
Joint claimants both under 25	19.76
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	24.94
<b>Maximum deductions for fines</b>	
	108.35
<b>Minimum deductions for rent and service charges included in rent at 10% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance</b>	
Single under 25	25.18
Single 25 or over	31.78
Joint claimants both under 25	39.52
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	49.89
<b>Maximum deductions for rent and service charges included in rent at 20% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance</b>	
Single under 25	50.35
Single 25 or over	63.56
Joint claimants both under 25	79.04

Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	99.78
<b>Overall Maximum deduction Rate at 40% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance:</b>	
Single under 25	100.71
Single 25 or over	127.13
Joint claimants both under 25	158.08
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	199.56
<b>Fraud Overpayments, Recoverable Hardship Payments and Administrative Penalties at 40% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance</b>	
Single under 25	100.71
Single 25 or over	127.13
Joint claimants both under 25	158.08
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	199.56
<b>Ordinary Overpayments and Civil Penalties at 15% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance</b>	
Single under 25	37.77
Single 25 or over	47.67
Joint claimants both under 25	59.28
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	74.83
<b>Ordinary Overpayments and Civil Penalties at 25% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance if claimant's and/or partner's earnings are over the Work Allowance</b>	
Single under 25	62.94
Single 25 or over	79.46
Joint claimants both under 25	98.80
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	124.72

<b><u>National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage</u> (hourly rate)</b>	
Age 25+	£8.21
Age 21 - 24	£7.70
Age 18-20	£6.15
Under 18	£4.35
Apprenticeship	£3.90

## **Benefit Uprating Schedule**

A full list of all benefit rates can be found in the Benefit Uprating Schedule

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