

Universal Credit monthly rates

The Annual Uprating of Universal Credit and other benefits took effect from 10 April 2023 in the service.

Rates will come into effect for assessment periods starting on or after 10 April 2023.

Universal Credit minimum amount

Universal Credit (monthly rates)	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Universal Credit minimum amount	£0.01	£0.01

Standard Allowance

Standard Allowance	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Single under 25	£265.31	£292.11
Single 25 or over	£334.91	£368.74
Joint claimants: both under 25	£416.45	£458.51
Joint claimants: one or both 25 or over	£525.72	£578.82

Carer amount

Carer amount	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Carer amount	£168.81	£185.86

Child amounts

Child amounts	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
First child or qualifying young person born before 6 April 2017	£290.00	£315.00
First child born on or after 6 April 2017		
Second and subsequent child or qualifying young person	£244.58	£269.58

Disabled Child Additions

Disabled Child Additions	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Lower rate addition	£132.89	£146.31
Higher rate addition	£414.88	£456.89

Childcare costs amount

Childcare costs amount	2022 to 2023	From 28 June 2023 to 2024
Maximum for one child	£646.35	£950.92
Maximum for two or more children	£1108.04	£1,630.15

Non-dependants housing costs contributions

Non-dependants housing costs contributions	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Non-dependants housing costs contributions	£77.87	£85.73

Limited capability for work amounts

Limited capability for work amounts	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Limited capability for work amount and you started your health-related Universal Credit or Employment and Support Allowance claim before 3 April 2017	£132.89	£146.31
Limited capability for work and work-related activity amount	£354.28	£390.06

Work Allowances

Work Allowances	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Higher Work Allowance (no housing): single or joint claimant responsible for a child or qualifying young person, or with limited capability for work	£573.00	£631.00
Lower Work Allowance (housing included in Universal Credit): single or joint claimant responsible for a child or qualifying young person, or with limited capability for work	£344.00	£379.00

Tariff income

Tariff income	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Assumed income from capital for every £250 or part thereof between the capital disregard and the upper capital limit	£4.35	£4.35

Sanctions: Universal Credit daily reduction

100% Sanction Reduction Rate		2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Single under 25		£8.70	£9.60
Single 25 or over		£11.00	£12.10
Joint claimants: both under 25 (per sanctioned claimant)		£6.80	£7.50
Joint claimants: one or both 25 or over and one is sanctioned (per sanctioned claimant)		£8.60	£9.50
40% Sanction Reduction Rate		2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Single under 25 (including under 18)		£3.40	£3.80
Single 25 or over		£4.40	£4.80
Joint claimants: both under 25 (per sanctioned claimant)		£2.70	£3.00
Joint claimants: one or both 25 or over (per sanctioned claimant)		£3.40	£3.80
Employment and Support Allowance daily reduction	If the assessment period ends before 24 November 2021	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Under 25	£8.40	£8.60	9.50
25 or over	£10.60	£10.90	£12.00

Deductions

Third party deductions at 5% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance (excludes deductions for rent and service charges included in rent)	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Single under 25	£13.27	£14.61
Single 25 or over	£16.75	£18.44
Joint claimants: both under 25	£20.82	£22.93
Joint claimants: one or both 25 or over	£26.29	£28.94

Maximum deductions for fines for 2021 to 2022	If the assessment period ends on or after 6 October 2021	
Maximum deductions for fines	£108.35	
Maximum deduction for court fines at 5% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance (excludes deductions for rent and service charges included in rent)	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Single under 25	£13.27	£14.61
Single 25 or over	£16.75	£18.44
Joint claimants: both under 25	£20.82	£22.93
Joint claimants: one or both 25 or over	£26.29	£28.94

Minimum deductions for rent and service charges included in rent at 10% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Single under 25	£26.53	£29.21
Single 25 or over	£33.49	£36.87
Joint claimants: both under 25	£41.65	£45.85
Joint claimants: one or both 25 or over	£52.57	£57.88

Maximum deductions for rent and service charges included in rent at 20% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Single under 25	£53.06	£58.42
Single 25 or over	£66.90	£73.75
Joint claimants: both under 25	£83.29	£91.70
Joint claimants: one or both 25 or over	£105.14	£115.76

Overall maximum deduction rate at 25% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Single under 25	£66.33	£73.03
Single 25 or over	£83.73	£92.19
Joint claimants: both under 25	£104.11	£114.63
Joint claimants: one or both 25 or over	£131.43	£144.71

Fraud overpayments, Recoverable Hardship Payments and Administrative Penalties at 25% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Single under 25	£66.33	£73.03
Single 25 or over	£83.73	£92.19
Joint claimants: both under 25	£104.11	£114.63
Joint claimants: one or both 25 or over	£131.43	£144.71

Ordinary overpayments and Civil Penalties at 15% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Single under 25	£39.80	£43.82
Single 25 or over	£50.24	£55.31
Joint claimants: both under 25	£62.47	£68.78
Joint claimants: one or both 25 or over	£78.76	£86.82
Ordinary Overpayments and Civil Penalties at 25% of the Universal Credit Standard Allowance if the claimant's and / or partner's earnings are over the Work Allowance	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024
Single under 25	£66.33	£73.03
Single 25 or over	£83.73	£92.19
Joint claimants: both under 25	£104.11	£114.63
Joint claimants: one or both 25 or over	£131.43	£144.71

National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage

National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage	(Hourly rate) 2022 to 2023	(Hourly rate) 2023 to 2024
Age 23+	£9.50	£10.42
Age 21 to 22	£9.18	£10.18
Age 18 to 20	£6.83	£7.49
Under 18	£4.81	£5.28
Apprenticeship	£4.81	£5.28
National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage	(Hourly rate) 2021 to 2022	
Age 25+	£8.72	
Age 21 to 24	£8.20	
Age 18 to 20	£6.45	
Under 18	£4.55	
Apprenticeship	£4.15	

Benefit Up-rating Schedule

A full list of all benefit rates can be found in the Benefit Up-rating Schedule.