



Department
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Universal Credit Update

June 2018

UC *Universal
Credit*

Opening up work_

Esther McVey Announcement 7/6/18

- Business case for UC revised – 200.000 more people into work than under previous systems and benefits to economy revised to £8bn per year
- Managed Migration Regulations planned for January 19 (SSAC – 20/6)
- Managed Migration – July 19 to March 2023
- People who live alone and receive Severe Disability Premium will not be moved to UC until they qualify for Transitional Protection (TP). Those people who have already been transferred will receive an additional payment to cover the period since they moved.
- TP wont be eroded by the award of Childcare costs
- People who take short term employment will have TP rewarded if the reclaim is made within 3 months
- Tax Credit claimants who migrate with capital in excess of £16,000 will have the capital disregarded for 12 months

What you need to know

- UC Claimants who move into Temporary Accommodation will no longer receive the housing element of UC. They will receive Housing Benefit instead..
- Applies to new claims and any change of circumstances that move a claimant into Temporary Accommodation during their claim.
- In change of circumstance cases this may leave a claimant with a shortfall to pay, as the housing element would be turned off for the entire assessment period despite there possibly being a rent liability for part of that period. In this case, the claimant can request a Discretionary Housing Payment from the local authority.

Moving from Temporary Housing to a Permanent Tenancy

HB Circular A2/2018


38. If the claimant is already in receipt of UC but is receiving HB because they are living in specified or temporary accommodation, the Transition to UC Housing Payment cannot be paid.

39. However, if the claimant is living in specified or temporary accommodation and in receipt of legacy benefits including HB, if they migrate to UC and their new address is not specified or temporary accommodation and their entitlement to HB ends, a Transition to UC Housing Payment can be paid.


- Claimant reports change of circumstances (38)/ makes claim (39)
- This triggers an automatic stop notice for HB.
- The LA completes the MGP1 (LA) – If the claimant isn't on UC the LA should pay the 2 week run on directly to the claimant (because there is a change of landlord)
- The new rent will be verified via SRS email or Landlord Portal
- The new landlord can request a Tier 1 MPTL as part of the verification process.


New Process Introduced 4 June to Confirm Landlord Identity


What questions could the Landlord be asked to confirm their identity?
(check the ones you think are correct, there are 3 correct answers)


 **Incorrect**
Check the guidance if you are unsure.


 The claimant's full name


 Address of the property that a MPtL has been put in place

 **Incorrect**
Check the guidance if you are unsure.

 The monthly rental amount

 **Incorrect**
Check the guidance if you are unsure.

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Check the guidance if you are unsure.

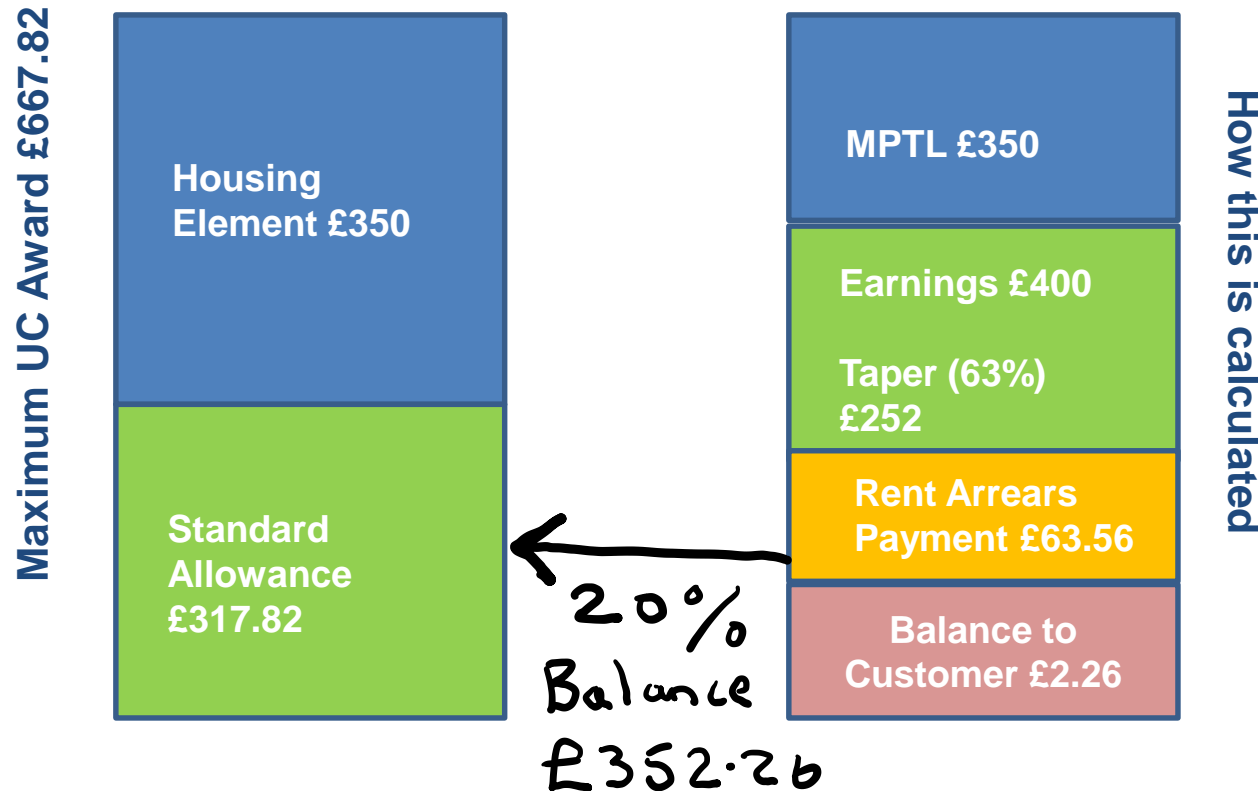
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 Remember to check the guidance section for the more information.

Select to Continue

Alternative Payment Arrangements

Fluctuating Earnings and the impact on APAs



AWARD
= £415.82

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As earnings increase the amount available for the Rent Arrears and MPTL reduces.

