



Department
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Universal Credit Update

June 2019

UC *Universal
Credit*

Opening up work_

Current Position with UCFS

Roll out completed all 83 jobcentres in Scotland are now UC Full Service

Landlord Portal - now 723 enrolled just about complete

April statistics show there are 1,957,107 people on UC.

Scotland	Employed	Not in employment
180,123	31%	69%

Mixed Age Couples updated guidance 21 May

[HB Circular A9/2019](#)

Rent Increase Process

- ❖ Note was issued to SRS Landlords on 15th April detailing progress towards delivering the bulk upload functionality.
- ❖ The original approach has been revised
- ❖ During May small number of preselected landlords used to test the download
- ❖ Phased approach to wider implementation
- ❖ As of 22nd May 71% of claimants had responded to 'to do' or reported change

Overpayments of Housing Costs to Landlords

- ❖ Working with 3 Local Authorities
- ❖ Tactical Solution Identified and tested on small scale
- ❖ Wider impact and introduction of Strategic Solution

Recent Announcements

Sanctions

The Secretary of State announced a change to the sanctions policy and a review into how the sanctions system supports people into work. Under the change, the length of the maximum single sanction a claimant can face will reduce from 3 years to 6 months.

Two Payments in One Assessment Period – Judicial Review

The judgement affects a small number of recipients of Universal Credit, with specific characteristics. The DWP is currently appealing this judgement and as such will not be applying its decision to those affected by it until the appeal process is finally concluded

Move to UC (Managed Migration)

- ❖ Small scale pilot July 2019
- ❖ The proposed Regulations contain some key changes following the Social Security Advisory Committee (SSAC) consultation last year.
- ❖ We are involving external stakeholders in the design of the Move to UC process with a number of workshops already held and a number of others planned
- ❖ It is expected that all claimants will have been moved to UC by December 2023

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Escalation Routes