

WHAT IS A WORK ALLOWANCE?

The work allowance:

You can earn a certain amount before your Universal Credit is reduced if you or your partner are either: responsible for a child or young person living with a disability or health condition that affects your ability to work. This is called a 'work allowance'. Your work allowance is lower if you get help with housing costs.

HOW DO I WORK OUT MY EARNINGS?

Example:

You have a child and get money for housing costs in your Universal Credit payment. You're working and earn £500 during your assessment period.

Your work allowance is £293. This means you can earn £293 without any money being deducted.

For every £1 of the remaining £207 you get, 63p is taken from your Universal Credit payment. So $£207 \times £0.63 = £130.41$.

This means you earn £500 and £130.41 is deducted from your Universal Credit.

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<u>Your circumstances</u>	<u>Monthly work allowance</u>
You get help with housing costs	£293
You do not get help with housing costs	£515



WHO IS UNIVERSAL CREDIT FOR?

- You may be able to get Universal Credit if:
 - you're on a low income or out of work
 - you're 18 or over (there are some exceptions if you're 16 to 17)
 - you're under State Pension age (or your partner is)
 - you and your partner have £16,000 or less in savings between you
 - you live in the UK



HOW MANY HOURS CAN I WORK?

If you're employed, how much Universal Credit you get will depend on your earnings. Your Universal Credit payment will reduce gradually as you earn more - for every £1 you earn your payment reduces by 63p. There's no limit to how many hours you can work.

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USEFUL RESOURCES

<https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit#>

<https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>

[Fighting UK Poverty - Turn2us](#)

https://www.entitledto.co.uk/?utm_source=BAadvise&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=GovUK

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