

### **Universal Credit changes**

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# Information from the Department of Work and Pensions



• Universal Credit is a benefit from the Department for Work and Pensions



• It helps pay your daily living costs.

You may be able to get Universal Credit if:



- You are out of work
- You are in work and have low earnings

### Where you live



• To get Universal Credit, you have to live in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales

### Universal Credit is replacing certain benefits and tax credits

Universal Credit is replacing the following benefits: • Child Tax Credit

• Working Tax Credit

• Housing Benefit

Benefits

• Income Support

• Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

• Income-related Employment and Support Allowance



• When it is time to move to Universal Credit, the Department for Work and Pensions will write to you



- Look out for a letter called a Universal Credit **Migration Notice**.
- This will tell you what you need to do and when to apply for Universal Credit



• Waiting for your letter will mean you will continue to get financial support when you apply for Universal Credit



• This means you will be able to get at least the same level of support as you do on your current benefits



• If your circumstances change before we contact you, let us know as soon as possible

## Contacting the Department of Work and Pensions





• Most people apply for and contact Universal Credit using their online account

• You may have a disability that means you cannot use a computer



- If you need help and cannot access our online service, please contact the Move to Universal Credit helpline.
- You will find this number on your letter



• This helpline is open Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm



• For more information about moving to Universal Credit and who to contact, go to <a href="https://www.gov.uk/ucmove">www.gov.uk/ucmove</a>