



UC32GEN Children

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This learning should take approximately 40 minutes for Decision Makers and 60 minutes for all other job roles.

Decision Makers should do all learning except TOPIC 2 and TOPIC 5.

Aim and objectives



This learning aims to explain the Universal Credit additional amounts that are paid for a child or qualifying young person (QYP).

By the end of this module, with the aid of any reference material, you will be able to:

- state the definition of a child and a qualifying young person
- explain when a claimant is eligible for an additional amount for a child or QYP
- explain when an additional amount for a child or QYP will not be paid
- describe how a child or QYP details are verified

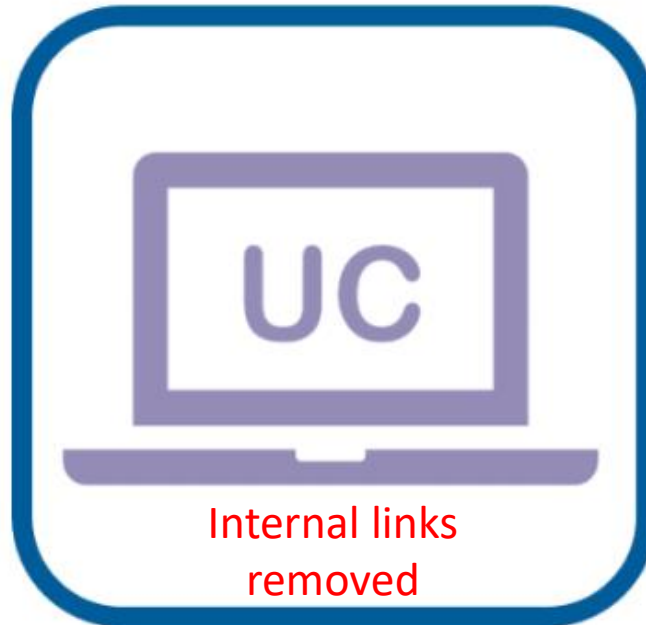
- explain the work-related requirements for a claimant with a child

GOT IT! MOVE ON TO ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility

If a claimant is responsible for a child or qualifying young person (QYP) and they normally live with them, their Universal Credit payment will usually include an additional amount.

The additional amount for children is no longer paid for a third or subsequent child or qualifying young person (QYP) born on or after 6 April 2017 - unless exceptional circumstances apply. We will look at exceptions later in this learning.



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Go to the Universal Credit site then:


- Children and Childcare
- Children
- Additional amount for children

Read the **Introduction** and answer the following question:

Which of these describe a Qualifying Young Person (QYP)?

- from their 16th birthday until 31 August following that birthday, whether or not they are in full time education or training.
- someone under the age of 16
- aged over 16 and up to 31 August following their 19th birthday if they are enrolled in or have been accepted for approved training or a course of non-advanced education which averages over 12 hours per week during the term.

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 Note: The claimant must tell Universal Credit if their child stays in non-advanced education or approved training after age 16 to retain payments for the child.

If the child subsequently leaves non-advanced or approved training the additional amount will stop.

Determining who is responsible for a child



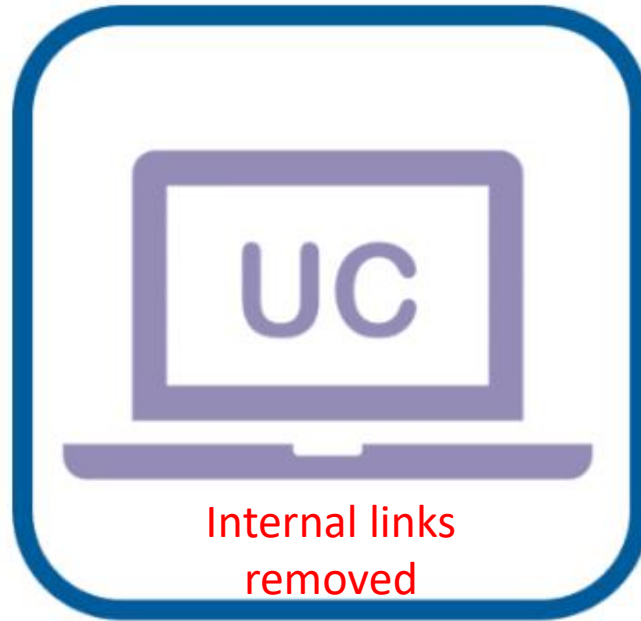
For a claimant to be responsible for a child or QYP they have to live with them. The persons with whom the child normally lives must decide who has the main responsibility.

If an agreement can't be reached, the work coach gathers more information from the claimant and generates a **Refer to Decision Maker (housing/family unit) to-do** for the decision maker to action.

If a child is also part of a claim to another benefit, you should consider if the claimant you are dealing with is the main carer and whether they should receive the additional amount.

When an additional amount won't be paid

There are instances where the claimant will not be entitled to the additional amount for children.



Go to the Universal Credit site then:

- Children and Childcare
- Children
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Read the **When an additional amount for children wont be paid** and answer the following question:

Which of the following would mean the additional amount would not be paid?

Flip the card to see if you are correct.

Living outside the UK

Correct! If the child or QYP is living outside the UK they will not be paid the additional amount.

Aged 16 and not in full-time non-advanced education

Correct! If they are aged 16 and not in full-time non-advanced education they will not be paid the additional amount,

Aged 18 and in approved training averaging 12 hours a week or more

Incorrect! They **are** entitled to the additional amount up to 31 August following their 19th birthday if they are in approved training or a course of non-advanced education which averages over 12 hours per week during the term.

The third or subsequent child in a household born on or after 6 April 2017

Correct! Unless an exception applies (we will look at what these are later in this module).

Currently part of someone else's benefit claim

Correct! The additional amount is not paid if the child or QYP is part of someone else's benefit claims for:

- Child Tax Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Jobseeker's Allowance.

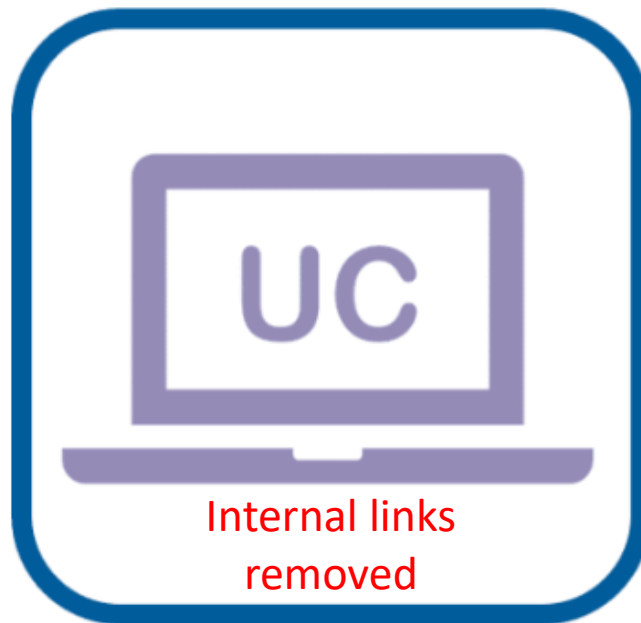
LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT HOW WE VERIFY A CHILD

Claiming for a child

The additional amount for children is **no longer paid** for a **third or subsequent** child or qualifying young person (QYP) **born on or after 6 April 2017.**

Claimants will only receive an extra amount for 2 children. This applies to ALL benefits.

They can get an extra amount for the 3rd and subsequent children if they were born before 6 April 2017, or if exceptional circumstances apply.



Lets look at the monthly rates for children.

Open the Universal Credit site, then:

- Earnings and Payments
- Payments
- Monthly rates

Read the **Child amounts** information for 2023 to 2024. Then answer the following question.

If the first child is born on or after 6 April 2017 which rate will they get?

Higher

Lower

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Important information

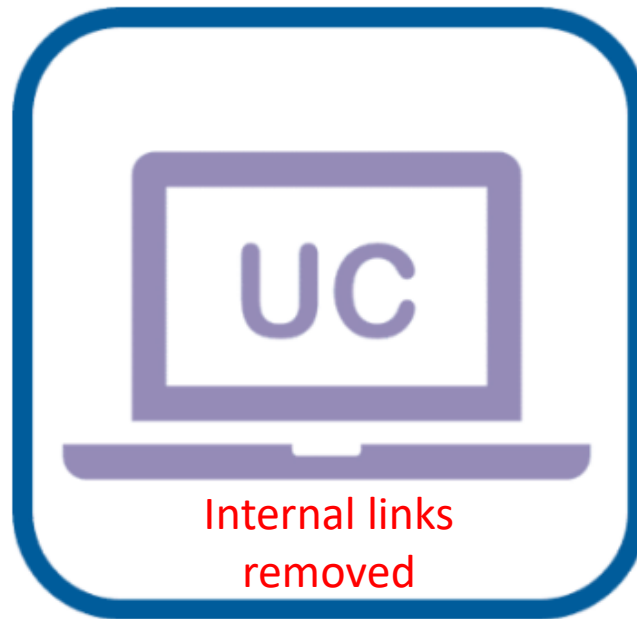
If the first child in the household leaves, the higher rate of the additional amount can be passed to another child in the household, as long as they are also born before 6 April 2017.

Claimants who received the

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Exceptions to the 2 additional amounts for children

Sometimes claimants may be able to receive the additional child amount to a 3rd or subsequent child or QYP.



Open the universal credit site, then

- Children

- Additional amount for children

Read **Exceptions to the additional amount for a child for a maximum of two children** including the section on multiple births.

Answer the following question (there is an accessible version further down the page if needed).

Question

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Question - accessible version

Georgina has 2 children, aged 5 and 6, that she already receives the additional amount for from Universal Credit. If she then gave birth to triplets would she be entitled to the additional amount for all three of them?

Yes



No

SUBMIT



Yes



No



Correct

If a claimant has 2 children on their claim and then gives birth to triplets, the additional amount will only be paid for two of those children in the multiple birth (meaning that in total the claimant will be entitled to an amount for 4 out of 5 of their children).

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Other circumstances

Disabled child addition —

Families with one or more disabled child/QYP may be eligible for extra support through the disabled child addition.

The disabled child addition is not restricted to a set number of children. Any child that qualifies can be paid for even if the additional amount isn't payable for them.

Mandatory reconsiderations —

If a claimant doesn't receive an additional amount for a 3rd or subsequent child or QYP they can ask for a mandatory reconsideration from the decision maker.

When writing the reasons for the decision in the claimant's journal, decision makers should remember that both claimants in a joint claim will be able to see what is written.

You should also bear this in mind as a work coach when writing anything in the journal.

This is especially important for any sensitive or personal information, such as applications for the non-consensual conception and adoption exceptions.

Child maintenance

Universal Credit claimants do not have to declare if they are receiving any child maintenance as it does not affect their claim.

Identifying that a claimant has a child/children with a biological parent(s) that doesn't live with them is an opportunity to start a conversation about child maintenance.

Asking if the claimant has an arrangement in place and asking if they were aware of the [Making a child maintenance arrangement](#) gov.uk page can signpost them to additional support if they don't.

Further information can be found here: [DWP Intranet | Child maintenance](#)

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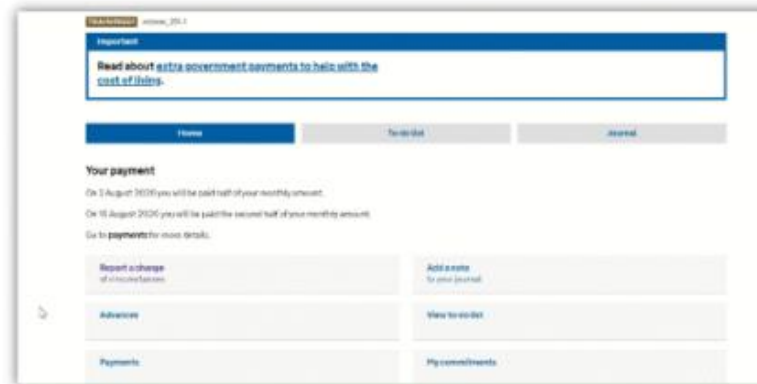
Universal Credit site

More information on other circumstances can be found in Additional amount for children.

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GOT IT! LET'S MOVE ON

Child or QYP leaves household



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When a claimant reports a child or QYP has left the household, they will need to access their Universal Credit account and follow the steps to report the change of circumstances.

 Important note:

When the change has been reported the following to-dos are generated:

- Verify people who live with you
- Check work group commitment

OK! LET'S LOOK AT WORK RELATED REQUIREMENTS