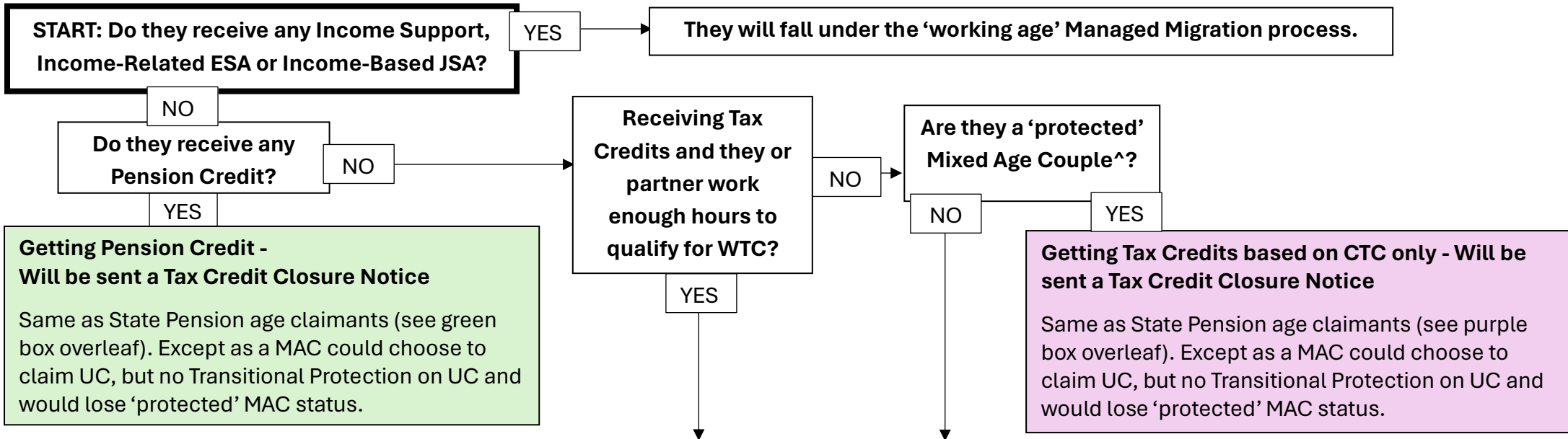


Mixed Age Couple Tax Credit Claimants – migration to UC/PC



Will be sent a Migration Notice to claim UC

Normal Managed Migration rules: Will have Deadline Day/Final Deadline Day; Tax Credits and HB~ will end (2 week run-on of HB) when they make their claim for UC or on Deadline Day – whichever is the earlier.

~ unless living in 'specified' or temporary accommodation.

If they claim UC by Final Deadline Day, then they can get Transitional Element if worse off (can be eroded or lost). UC assessed in normal way.

NOTE: notional income from deferred pension ignored for 52 weeks or weeks or until PC ceases if that is sooner.

Additionally, if they are a 'protected' MAC^ –

Can choose to claim PC if they think they will be better off (THINK Council Tax Rebate and passports), BUT no Transitional Element in PC if worse off. If they claim PC before Deadline Day, PC will take account of TC income up to Deadline Day. HB will end on Deadline Day with 2 week run-on (as they have received a Migration Notice and failed to claim UC), so will need to make a new claim.

If they claimed UC after receiving a Migration Notice and before Final Deadline Day, then they are still a 'protected' MAC as any time on UC is ignored. So can make new claim for HB or PC if UC has ended, as long as they make a claim for HB/PC in the same couple, within 3 months of their UC award ending.

If they fail to claim UC by Final Deadline Day, their HB will end. But they can make new claim for HB in the same couple (and get it backdated under the normal rules) within 3 months of HB ending (and therefore new claim for PC as still a 'protected' MAC).

^ A 'protected' Mixed Age Couple is a couple where one is under State Pension age (i.e. under 66) and the other is State Pension age or over AND they were a Mixed Age Couple before 15th May 2019 AND they have been on continuously on Pension Credit and/or Housing Benefit under the state pension age Regulations since before May 2019 (in the same Mixed Age Couple). IMPORTANT: Not all mixed age couples on Tax Credits and HB will be 'protected': could have a break in HB award (where no PC in payment) OR could be on working age HB as allowed to claim due to SDP Gateway.