Universal Credit

Universal Credit is the new benefit administered by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP), for working age people on a low income or unemployed. Universal Credit is different from any benefits or tax credits you may currently receive, and you must be ready to manage your claim online.

**Universal Credit replaces these six benefits**:

* Child Tax Credit
* Working Tax Credit
* Housing Benefit
* Income Support
* Income-Based Jobseeker’s Allowance (JSA)
* Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

Your postcode has been a Universal Credit full service area since **21 November 2018** and everyone is already asked to claim it if they make a new benefit claim.

If you already claim benefits and your circumstances don’t change then you won’t be asked to move over to Universal Credit until at least 2019.