

'at a glance guide to'
Benefit Changes in the
HM Treasury Autumn Budget 2018
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Area of Benefits Affected	Benefit Change	Reference- Autumn Budget date 29 11 2018 - speech and 102 page document
Benefit changes		
Universal Credit-	'Universal Credit is here to stay'	Speech by the Chancellor
Universal Credit- £1,000 increase to work allowance	Current Work Allowances (for those with children or classed as sick) will be increased by £1,000 per year(that's around £83 per month) from April 2019 . costing £1.695 billion by 2023/ 2024.	5.32 Table 2.1
Universal Credit- JSA(IB), ESA(IR) & IS run on	2 weeks of support during the transition to Universal Credit, of income-related elements of Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance, and Income Support. From July 2020 .	5.34
Universal Credit- debt reduction	Reduce the maximum debt reduction rate from 40% to 30% of the standard allowance costing £65 million by 2023/ 2024. From October 2019 .	5.36 Table 1.8
Universal Credit- self employed	To support the transition to Universal Credit for all self-employed people, the government is also extending the 12-month grace period (the period before the Minimum Income Floor applies) to all gainfully self-employed people. From July 2019 and implemented fully from September 2020 .	5.35
Universal Credit- advance of UC	Increase the period over which advances of UC will be recovered, from 12 to 16 months from October 2021 .	5.36
Universal Credit- reduced earnings	The scope of the surplus earnings policy in Universal Credit will also be temporarily reduced: it will continue to affect large earnings spikes (above £2,500) until April 2020 , when it will revert to affecting earnings spikes of £300.	5.38
Universal Credit - additional support for transition	Previously announced- additional protections for welfare claimants, including: enhancements to transitional protection for people moving onto Universal Credit; extending existing support for non-parental carers and adopters in tax credits and Universal Credit; and enhanced protections for those currently receiving the Severe Disability Premium to provide additional support as Universal Credit is implemented(transitional protection and not being able to move onto Universal Credit(this part from January 2019). Costing £205 million by 2023/ 2024.	5.37 Table 2.1
Universal Credit- revised implementation schedule	Managed migration. The implementation schedule has been updated: it will begin in July 2019 , as planned, but will end in December 2023 saving £250 million by 2023/ 2024.	5.38 Table 2.1

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit: include Dupuytren's contracture	Dupuytren's contracture will be added to the existing list of prescribed diseases for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit costing £5 million by 2023/ 2024.	5.42 Table 2.1
Disabled Facilities Grant: expand	Increase in the Disabled facilities grant budget costing £65 million in 2018/ 2019.	Table 2.1
NICs: maintain Class 2 NICs	Will not abolish Class 2 NICs during this Parliament	3.12
Tax treatment of social security income	The government is legislating to confirm the income tax treatment of nine new and existing social security benefits. This includes the five new benefits being introduced in Scotland.	3.13
New Benefit when child dies	New statutory entitlement to two weeks' of leave for employees who suffer the death of a child under 18, or a stillbirth after 24 weeks of pregnancy. Employed parents will also be able to claim pay for this period, subject to meeting eligibility criteria. From April 2020.	5.40
Transfer of Housing Benefit into Pension Credit-	Revising the timetable for transferring rent support from Housing Benefit to Pension Credit. Delay the transfer of rent support from Housing Benefit to Pension Credit by 3 years, to ensure that this transfer aligns with the full implementation of Universal Credit.	5.39
Supported Housing to Stay in Benefit System	Benefits will stay responsible for payments for supported housing rather than moving to a local funding model.	5.39

Welfare Cap Forecast- margin of error of 3%	£billions	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Table C. 6
	new Medium term Welfare Cap	119.6	121.7	123.6	126.1	129.3	132.7	

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