



Universal Credit

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What is Universal Credit?

Universal Credit is a single payment made to customers to replace the following benefits:

- Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)
- Employment Support Allowance
- Incapacity Benefit
- Severe Disablement Benefit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Housing Benefit

Universal Credit does not include Council Tax Support and you must make a claim with Hertsmere if you require help to pay your Council Tax bill.

Important Information

From 5th of December 2018, most working age residents who wish to make a claim for Housing Benefit will need to claim Universal Credit instead.



Making a claim for Universal Credit

You can make a [claim for Universal Credit](#) online.

Who still needs to make a claim for Housing Benefit?

You will need to make a claim for Housing Benefit if:

- You are of pension age.
- You live in supported or temporary accommodation.
- Your Income Support, Employment and Support Allowance, Jobseekers Allowance or Housing Benefit includes a severe disability premium.

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