



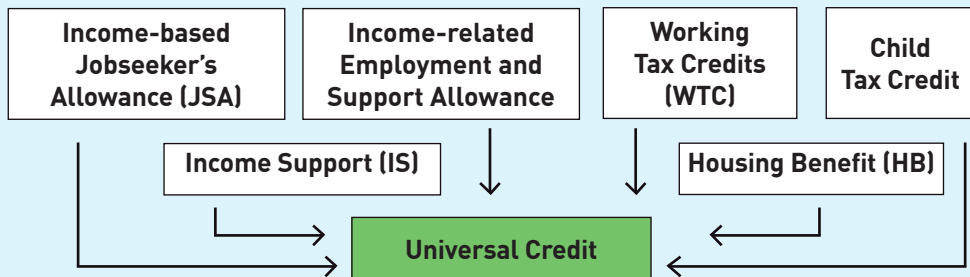
What is Universal Credit

and what does it mean for me?

Universal Credit is being rolled out in Stockton-on-Tees by the Department for Work and Pensions from the 11 July 2018.

What is Universal Credit?

It's a **single payment** which replaces:



For most working age people, if you make a new claim from the 11 July 2018 for any of these benefits – **this will affect you.**

How do I get ready for Universal Credit?



Make sure you have access to the internet. You will need to access your account online to manage your claim. You'll also need an email account.

You will need a bank account for your money to be paid directly into – make sure you have one before you make a claim.

Work out a monthly budget. You will need to manage your bills including paying your rent. Making a budget helps your money to go further.

For more information call the Universal Credit Free Helpline on **0800 328 5644** or visit **www.gov.uk/universal-credit**

There is also lots of support for you in the Borough to make sure you are ready.

 www.stockton.gov.uk/UniversalCredit  01642 393829

Universal Credit does not apply to pensioners or households with three or more children. It also does not include Council Tax Support. A new claim will be necessary. For more details visit

 www.stockton.gov.uk/stockton-council/council-tax/council-tax-support