

Universal Credit Expansion Eligibility

Claimants must:

- Be Single.
- Must have a National Insurance Number.
- Be aged between 18 and 60 and 6 months.
- Not own or partially own the home they live in.
- Not be homeless or live in support or exempt accommodation.
- Not live in the same household as a member of the regular or reserved army who is absent from home on duty.
- Be a British citizen, resident in the United Kingdom (UK) for the last 2 years (not absent outside the UK during those 2 yrs for 4 wks or more).
- Not have a child or qualifying young person (QYP) living with them some or all of the time.
- Not be an adopter with whom a child is expected to be placed within the first 2 months of the UC claim or a foster parent.
- Not be liable to pay child support maintenance.
- Not be responsible for providing care to a person with physical or mental impairment, unless on a paid or voluntary work basis.
- Must not have a fitness for work note or applied for a fitness for work note. Claimant must declare themselves fit for work.
- Must not be considered as having limited capability for work.
- Not be pregnant, or have been pregnant in the last 15 weeks.
- Not require a person acting on their behalf e.g. Personal Acting Body (PAB) or Corporate Acting Body (CAB).
- Not be in education or training of any kind.
- Not be self-employed.
- Not be a company director or part of a limited liability partnership.

- Be unemployed or declared earned income for the first month of the UC claim is not expected to exceed £330.
- Capital must not exceed £6000.
- Must have a bank, building society, post office or current account with a credit union.
- Must not be entitled to old rules Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), old rules Jobseekers Allowance (JSA), Income Support (IS), Incapacity Benefit (IB), Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA) , Disability Living Allowance (DLA), OR Personal Independence Payment (PIP).
- Must not be awaiting a decision on a claim for old rules ESA, old rules JSA, IS, Child Tax Credit (CTC), Working Tax Credit (WTC) or Housing Benefit (HB).
- Must not be awaiting for the outcome of an application to revise a decision of non-entitlement to old rules ESA, old rules JSA, IS and HB.
- Must not have an undecided appeal against non-entitlement to old rules ESA, old rules JSA and IS.