



Welfare Reform Act 2012

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PART 1

UNIVERSAL CREDIT

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ENTITLEMENT AND AWARDS

Introductory

1 Universal credit

- (1) A benefit known as universal credit is payable in accordance with this Part.
- (2) Universal credit may, subject as follows, be awarded to—
 - (a) an individual who is not a member of a couple (a “single person”), or
 - (b) members of a couple jointly.
- (3) An award of universal credit is, subject as follows, calculated by reference to—
 - (a) a standard allowance,
 - (b) an amount for responsibility for children or young persons,
 - (c) an amount for housing, and
 - (d) amounts for other particular needs or circumstances.

2 Claims

- (1) A claim may be made for universal credit by—
 - (a) a single person, or
 - (b) members of a couple jointly.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (2) Regulations may specify circumstances in which a member of a couple may make a claim as a single person.