

## 18-22 UC - Changes to AET Levels 2022

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### Introduction

1. [\[See memo ADM 01/23\]](#) This memo gives guidance on the Universal Credit (Administrative Earnings Threshold) (Amendment) Regulations 2022<sup>1</sup> and come into force on 26.9.22.

*1 UC (AET)(Amdt) Regs 2022; [SI 2022 No.886](#)*

2. Legislation<sup>1</sup> is amended which sets out the circumstances in which work search and work availability requirements may not be imposed on a UC claimant.

*1 UC Regs, reg 99(6)*

### Changes to AET

3. From 26.9.22 work search and work availability requirements may not be imposed where

**1.** a claimant has monthly earnings from employment that are equal to, or more than, 12 hours per week at the NMW or

**2.** the claimant is a member of a couple and their combined earnings from employment are equal to, or more than, 19 hours per week at the NMW<sup>1</sup>.

In both cases the amount is converted to a monthly amount by multiplying by 52 and dividing by 12.

**Note 1:** Monthly earnings excludes any that are not employed earnings.

**Note 2:** This has the effect of raising the AET to £494 per calendar month for individual claimants and £782 per calendar month for couples.

## **ANNOTATIONS**

The number of this Memo 18 – 22 should be annotated against the following ADM paragraphs; J3160 and J3233.

## **CONTACTS**

If you have any queries about this memo, please write to Decision Making and Appeals (DMA) Leeds, 3E zone E, Quarry House, Leeds. Existing arrangements for such referrals should be followed, as set out in – Memo [7/19](#) Requesting case guidance from DMA Leeds for all benefits.

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