

## **UNIVERSAL CREDIT – CHANGES FOR FAMILIES WITH MORE THAN TWO CHILDREN**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

1. This memo gives guidance on The Universal Credit (Restrictions on Amounts for Children and Qualifying Young Persons) (Transitional Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2019<sup>1</sup> which come into force on 1.2.19

*1 SI 2019 No. 27*

### **THE CHANGES**

#### **Removal of restrictions on claims for UC**

2. The guidance at F1005 and M5007 on restriction of claims for UC from single claimants or members of a couple jointly, with more than 2 children is cancelled from 1.2.19 and should no longer be followed.

#### **Transitional protection**

3. ADM F1008 - F1009 gives guidance on transitionally protecting children during the interim period. That guidance is cancelled from 1.2.19 and should no longer be followed.



4. Instead, from 1.2.19, all children born before 6.4.17, for whom the claimant is responsible, are transitionally protected<sup>1</sup> and a child element will be payable.
5. A child element will not be payable for third or subsequent children born on or after 6.4.17, unless they qualify for any of the exceptions<sup>2</sup>.

*1 UC Regs, reg 24A(3); 2 UC Regs reg24A(4)*

## **ANNOTATIONS**

Please annotate the number of this memo (ADM 02/19) against the following ADM paragraphs: F1005, F1008, F1009, F1015, M5007

## **CONTACTS**

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