

Freedom of Information request 1904/2014

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Information request

I would like you to please clarify further:

Do I need to be a claimant of a particular benefit to get universal credit i.e. Job Seekers, Employment Support Allowance?

If Housing and Tax benefit is under a parents name whom I live with as non dependant, is this affected by/pooled into Universal Credit?

DWP response

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which can be considered reasonably accessible to you. Information on Universal Credit and entitlement is already available in the public domain, and can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit>. Universal Credit guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/advice-for-decision-making-staff-guide>, and universal credit legislation can be found at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/376/contents/made>

It may help if I explain that the Freedom of Information Act (Fol) provides people with a right of access to recorded data held by public authorities such as DWP. The Act does not extend to requests to create information, answer questions or provide comments based on individual circumstances. Your request can be in the form of a question, but DWP does not have to answer if this would mean creating information that is not already held in a recorded form.

If you have any questions which fall outside the Fol Act, you can send these to our official address:

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