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## Information request

From the information you hold please provide a definitive list of all notifiable change in circumstances that would end Transitional Protection altogether for a claimant of Universal Credit as well as where this information can be found.  
and

From the information you hold what particular piece of Government legislation is applicable to and governs "a change in circumstances that would end Transitional Protection altogether for a claimant of Universal Credit.

## DWP response

No-one already on existing benefits or Tax Credits whose circumstances remain the same will lose out in cash terms as a direct result of the move to Universal Credit. These claimants will be given transitional protection to avoid cash loss at the point of change.

Over time, transitional protection will reduce as claimants adjust to Universal Credit. It will be appropriate to end this protection when circumstances underlying an award are no longer recognisable as those on which the legacy calculation was made. Therefore we have said that Transitional Protection will end altogether if a claimant's circumstances change significantly.

The following occurrences will be considered to be a significant change in circumstance:

- a partner leaving/joining the household;
- a sustained (3 month) earnings drop beneath the level of work that is expected of them according to their claimant commitment;
- the Universal Credit award ending; and/or
- one (or both) members of the household stopping work.

Legislation providing the terms under which Transitional Protection will be provided will be introduced in due course.