01-24: UC - Transitional Provisions - The Additional Amount

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INTRODUCTION

 This Memo gives guidance on The Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1238).¹

1 UC (TP) (Amdt) Regs 2023

- 2. The regulations add an additional amount of Universal Credit (UC) to claimants entitled (or previously entitled) to the transitional SDP amount or transitional SDP element (TSDPE). This is achieved by the introduction of a new Schedule 3 into the Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2014.
- 3. The regulations come into force on **14/02/2024**. Qualifying new natural migration claimants after that date will have the benefit of these changes immediately. For claimants already in receipt of UC the time and manner of the payments will be arranged in due course in a time and manner to be decided by the Secretary of State.¹

1 UC (TP) Regs 2014, Schedule 3 Paragraph 6

THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT

- 4. The Additional Amount applies in the first assessment period beginning on or after 14/02/24 where:
 - the claimant is entitled to a TSDPE or a transitional SDP amount (or was previously entitled to either, but those have eroded to nil)¹, and
 - 2. within the month immediately preceding the first day of the UC award the claimant was entitled (or was a member of a couple where the other member was entitled) to

- 1. Income Support
- 2. Income-based Job-seekers Allowance
- 3. Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, or
- 4. Child Tax Credit, and
- 3. that benefit included:
 - 1. an enhanced disability premium
 - 2. a disability premium
 - 3. a disabled child premium, or
 - 4. a disabled child element at the disabled rate but not the severely disabled rate, and
- 4. the claimant continued to satisfy the conditions for **eligibility** to the premiums or elements up to and including the first day of their UC award, and
- 5. where **3.3**. or **3.4** applies, the claimant must also be entitled to the lower rate of the disabled child addition in their UC award.²

1 UC (TP) Regs 2014, Sch 3 Para 1; 2 Sch 3 Para 4

HOW MUCH IS THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT?

5. The amounts are 1:

SINGL	INGLE CLAIMANT		JOINT CLAIMANT	
£84			£120	
£172			£246	
£177	per	disabled	£177 per disabled child	
child				
	£84 £172 r £177	£84 £172 T £177 per	£172 r £177 per disabled	

1 UC (TP) Regs 2014, Sch 3 Para 5

6. The Additional Amount is added to the existing TSDPE (or the Transitional SDP Amount). If the TSDPE (or the Transitional SDP Amount) has already eroded to nil, then the Additional Amount will become a new TSDPE (this cannot apply for the newly migrated cohort from 14/02/24, as there could not have been a chance for erosion to occur).¹

1 UC (TP) Regs 2014, Sch 3 Para 3

ANNOTATIONS

The number of this Memo (01/24) should be noted at ADM paragraphs M6710 and in Appendix 1 to ADM

Chapter M6 - Appendix 1: Transitional SDP Amount.

CONTACTS

If you have any queries about this memo, please write to Decision Making and Appeals (DMA) Leeds, Existing arrangements for such referrals should be followed, as set out in Memo ADM $\underline{04/19}$ - Requesting case guidance from DMA Leeds for all benefits.

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