

Increase to Working Tax Credits – what this means



As part of a [number of measures](#) to support the country during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the basic element of Working Tax Credit has been increased by £1,045 to £3,040 from 6 April 2020 until 5 April 2021.

The amount a claimant or household will benefit from will depend on their circumstances, including their level of household income. But the increase could mean up to an extra £20 each week.

The government is also uprating Child Benefit, other tax credits rates and thresholds, and Guardian's Allowance by 1.7% with effect from 6 April 2020. You can read the [full list of Rates and Allowances](#).

These increases came into effect on the 6 April, but individual payment dates will vary depending on circumstances.

You don't have to take any action and you will receive any increased payments automatically.

Use the [tax credits calculator](#) to get an estimate of how much you could get in tax credits in a 4-week period.

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