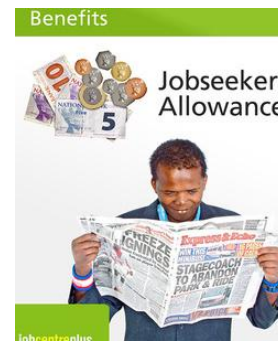




The Welfare Reform

Changes in benefits





Universal Credit



August

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Universal Credit (UC) is a single benefit that will replace many other benefits starting from August 2013 to October 2017.



Housing benefit

Universal Credit



Working Tax Credit

Child and working tax credits



Jobseekers Allowance

Jobseeker's allowance



Employment and Support Allowance

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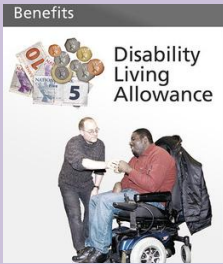


Income Support

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What are the changes to benefits?



Personal Independence Payment (PIP) will replace Disability Living Allowance (DLA) benefit.

PIP still has two parts – daily living and mobility.



PIP will help with costs of long-term illness or a disability.

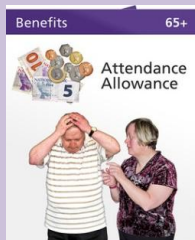


Individual assessment will be made face to face.

Further medical information may also be asked.



Some people will not need to claim PIP



People who claim Attendance Allowance (AA)



People who are 65 or over and already receive Disability Living Allowance (DLA)



Children who are under 16 can still claim (Disability Living Allowance) DLA



When will the PIP changes happen?



For some people changes will happen from October 2013



Children who turn 16 and their DLA award is about to end.



People who have a change in their care or mobility needs



People who have DLA that expire from February 2014 onwards.



When will the PIP changes happen?



For some people changes will happen from October 2015 -2017



People who are still receiving DLA will be randomly selected.



By 2017, all people who receive DLA that need to change to PIP should have been contacted and invited to claim.



What are the changes to benefits?



Local Housing Allowance (LHA) will limit the amount of housing benefit for people living in private accommodation.



LHA will not affect people who live in supported housing and living schemes.



This change happened from 1 April 2013.



What are the changes to benefits?



Tax

Bedroom Tax will limit the amount of housing benefit for people who have a spare room in their house.



People who have a disability and may need a room for an **overnight** carer will get full housing benefit.



This change happened from 1 April 2013.



What are the changes to benefits?



Disability
Living
Allowance



Personal
Independence
Payment

People who receive **DLA** or **PIP** will not be affected by the **Benefit Cap** change .



The Benefit Cap will limit the total amount of benefit that people can get in a week.



The benefit cap changes are happening in summer 2013:

£500 a week for couples with or without children

£500 a week for single parents with children

£350 a week for single adults without children



Our House



What are the changes to benefits?



Social Fund Changes will remove Community Care Grants and cash loans from April 2013.



The Tri-Borough has introduced a non- cash scheme called Local Support Payments.



For more information about the new scheme in tri-borough please contact the Local Support Payment Team on:

Tel: **020 7745 6464**

Email: localsupportpayment@rbkc.gov.uk



Who can help with benefit advice?



Hammersmith and Fulham



Hammersmith and Fulham Citizens Advice Bureau

Tel: : **020 7385 1322 – option 1**

Email: advice@hfcab.org.uk



Hammersmith Jobcentre Plus

Tel: **0845 604 3719 – option 7**



Kensington and Chelsea



Kensington (London) Citizens Advice Bureau

Tel: **0844 826 9708**



Jobcentre Plus – North Kensington

Tel: **0845 604 3719 – option 7**



Who can help with benefit advice?



Westminster



Citizens Advice Bureau
Tel: **0844 477 1611**



Westminster Jobcentre Plus
Tel: **0845 604 3719 – option 7**



Tri Borough Advocacy services can support people to access benefit advice services.



Tri Borough carers services can support carers to find out about benefit advice services.