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## Universal Credit / Benefits Calculator

Many people will need to consider Government Benefits because of the Pandemic, some for the first time and they may ask you about guidance on claiming and amounts. If it's not your area of expertise, then refer them to the Government website and to the guidance notes in the Resource Centre. Below is guidance to direct them to an independent Benefits Calculator.

### BENEFITS CALCULATORS

If you want to check what benefits you are entitled to the Government recommends using an independent calculator to find out:

- what benefits you could get
- how to claim
- how your benefits will be affected if you start work

These are free to use, anonymous, and have replaced the Benefits Adviser service. Use one of the following:

**Turn2us** - for information on income-related benefits, tax credits, Council Tax Reduction, Carer's Allowance, Universal Credit and how your benefits will be affected if you start work or change your working hours  
[https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk/AboutYou?utm\\_source=BAdviser&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=GovUK](https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk/AboutYou?utm_source=BAdviser&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=GovUK)

**Policy in Practice** - for information on income-related benefits, tax credits, contribution-based benefits, Council Tax Reduction, Carer's Allowance, Universal Credit, how these are calculated and how your benefits will be affected if you start work or change your working hours  
<https://www.betteroffcalculator.co.uk/free>

**entitledto** - for information on income-related benefits, tax credits, contribution-based benefits, Council Tax Reduction, Carer's Allowance, Universal Credit and how your benefits will be affected if you start work  
[https://www.entitledto.co.uk/?utm\\_source=BAdviser&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=GovUK](https://www.entitledto.co.uk/?utm_source=BAdviser&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=GovUK)