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## Benefits Changes

and how they may affect you...





### Benefit Cap: REDUCED

Since October 2016 the government has been introducing the new benefit cap, which means the amount you receive could reduce.



This could mean your Housing Benefit or Universal Credit is cut. If you have been told by your Council or the Department of Work and Pensions that you are due to be affected, please get in touch with us. We're here to help.

### Weekly Benefit Cap from April 2016:

	Current cap	New cap
 Single	£350	£257.69
 Single parent	£500	£384.62
 Couple	£500	£384.62
 Couple + children	£500	£384.62

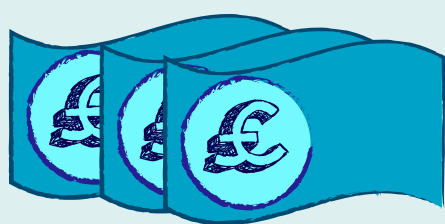
If you, your partner or child (aged under 19) receive a disability benefit you might not be affected.

If you're claiming Working Tax Credits, or Universal Credit and earning over £430 a month, you won't be affected.

There are other exemptions. Email [moneytree@contourhomes.co.uk](mailto:moneytree@contourhomes.co.uk) to find out more.

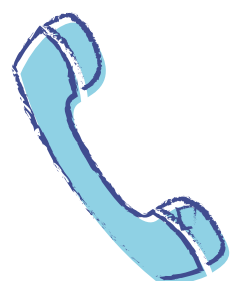
## Universal Credit

A new digital Service



You may have heard of Universal Credit (UC) - a single, monthly payment which merges together some of the benefits you might be getting now.

The full Universal Credit digital service is being introduced to job centres up and down the country. This will mean you'll be expected to claim and manage all aspects of your UC online. If you have been contacted to claim UC, please get in touch as we may be able to offer you some support.



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