



# IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT **BENEFIT CAP**

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## We Will Help You

From 7th November 2016, the Benefit Cap is being reduced and is likely to affect your household income.

The maximum amount of benefit your household can receive will be:

~~£500~~  
**£385**

£384.62 per week if you are a couple or have children and live outside London



~~£500~~  
**£385**

£384.62 a week if you are a single person living with children and live outside London



~~£350~~  
**£258**

£257.69 a week if you are a single person and live outside London



The benefits included when calculating if your benefit entitlement exceeds the cap are listed below:

- Bereavement Allowance
- Child Benefit
- Child Tax Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (unless you get the 'support' component)
- Housing Benefit
- Incapacity Benefit
- Income Support

- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Maternity Allowance
- Severe Disablement Allowance
- Widowed Parent's Allowance (or Widowed Mother's Allowance or Widows Pension if you started getting it before 9 April 2001)
- Universal Credit (unless you've had a work capability assessment and aren't fit for work)

### What should I do?

Contact your Income Recovery Team

☞ 0303 303 0003.

☞ Email them at [enq@broadlandgroup.org](mailto:enq@broadlandgroup.org)

# Are there any exemptions?

You're not affected by the cap if anyone in your household qualifies for Working Tax Credit or gets any of the following benefits:

- **Armed Forces Compensation Scheme**
- **Armed Forces Independence Payment**
- **Attendance Allowance**
- **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)**
- **Employment and Support Allowance**  
(if you get the support component)
- **Industrial Injuries Benefits**  
(and equivalent payments as part of a War Disablement Pension or the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme)
- **Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**
- **Universal Credit payment for 'limited capability for work and work-related activity'**
- **War pensions**
- **War Widow's or War Widower's Pension**

If you live in supported exempt accommodation, your Housing Benefit payment will not be taken into account when working out your total amount of benefits, but you may still be subject to the benefit cap.

If you have adult children or non-dependants living with you and they qualify for any of these benefits, you may be affected by the cap. This is because they're not usually included in your household.

## How will this affect me?

Depending on your circumstances, if the benefits you currently receive exceed the limits, a reduction will be made from your Housing Benefit or, your Universal Credit payment.

## What does this mean?

You will need to pay the reduction using income from one of the above benefits you are in receipt of or, with your Universal Credit payment.

### Example:

**Joint Income Support Claim with 3 children and no exemptions.**



Housing Benefit - **£90.00** per week  
Income Support - **£114.85** per week  
Child Benefit - **£48.10** per week  
Child Tax Credit - **£170.99** per week

**Total = £423.94** per week

**New Benefit Cap = £384.62** per week

**Difference = £39.32** per week  
which will be deducted from your Housing Benefit claim and you will need to pay.