

Lets get
UC *Universal
Credit*
ready



5 Steps to get UC ready

Step 1

Get online

You will need access to the internet and an email address to make your claim.

Step 2

Get a bank account

You will need to have your own bank, building society or credit union account to receive your monthly payment.

Step 3

Get a number

You will need a mobile phone number to receive text messages as part of your Universal Credit (UC) claim.

Step 4

Get your documents together

You will need to make sure that you have all of your personal information and documents together (including photo ID if you have it) to receive your payments as quickly as possible.

Step 5

Get a plan together

You will need to manage your monthly payment and make sure that all of your bills and rent are paid. Make sure that you have a planned budget and stick to it. If you need help with budgeting contact Cash Wise.

Are you ready?

From 28 November 2018 UC will be in place across the Wakefield district.

UC replaces six benefits and provides a single monthly payment, which you should use to pay for your living expenses, bills and your housing costs.

To speed up your claim make sure that you have all the information you need to hand.

This includes:

- **your National Insurance Number;**
- **your bank details;**
- **your phone number;**
- **your address;**
- **your landlord's address;**
- **the amount of rent you pay;**
- **photo ID (if possible);**
- **details of any savings you might have; and**
- **details of your salary or any other income (including benefits).**

If you have children you will also need their details, their Child Benefit number and their childcare provider's address and registration number.



Help to manage your money

You will need to manage this monthly payment to make sure that all of your outgoings are covered and your rent is paid. If you need any help with budgeting and managing your money effectively, our Cash Wise service can help.

Call 01977 724651 or visit www.getcashwise.co.uk

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money help



Help to get online



If you don't have access to the internet you can use a computer at any of our Service Access Points. If you need help with using the computers or accessing the internet our team of Digital Angels can help.

If you would like to speak to a Digital Angel call **0345 8 507 507**.

For more information on UC visit www.gov.uk/universal-credit or call the Cash Wise Team.



For more information on Cash Wise or for useful resources, money saving tips and advice check out our website:

www.getcashwise.co.uk