

Case study – Benefit check

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Dawn is currently on the legacy benefit system (working tax credit & child tax credit), she wants to see if she should apply for universal credit:

- Housing association tenant
- Post code SG6 4TZ
- Single parent with 2 children
- Mia 13 & Amy 9
- British Citizen
- 32 years old
- Works 20 hours a week
- Pays £50 a week for after school child care
- No housing benefits
- Receives Child tax credit
- Receives Working tax credit
- Weekly earnings before tax & NI is £210
- £200 per month child maintenance from ex
- Pays £780 rent per month
- Council tax band D

Estimated current legacy benefit entitlement is £251.27 / weekly

- Tax Credits £206.37 / weekly
- Council tax support £8.65 / weekly
- Child benefit £36.25 / weekly

If she moves to Universal Credit it could increase to £388.66 / weekly

- Universal credit £351.31 / weekly
- Council tax support £1.10 / weekly
- Child benefit £36.25 / weekly

She may also be entitled to the following:

- Help with funeral costs
- Free prescriptions & eye tests
- Warm homes discount
- Cost-of-living support payments