

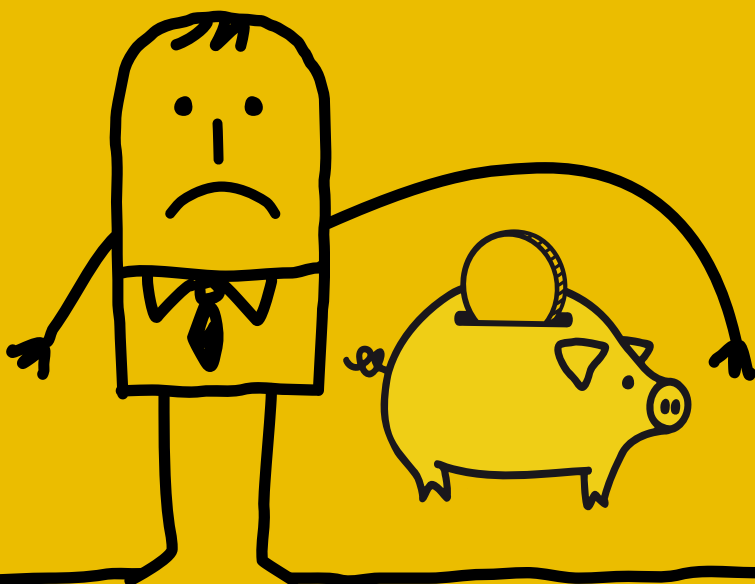
Benefit Changes

ARE YOU PREPARED?

3. Benefit Cap



The Government is making big changes to welfare benefits. **Find out how the changes affect you.**



From April 2013 there will be a national cap on the amount of benefits a single person or family can receive. The cap is £500 a week for a family, and £350 a week for a single person. This is known as the benefit cap.

Question

How could the benefit cap affect me?

Answer

- If you are already getting more than £500 (family) or £350 (single) a week in benefit, your Housing Benefit will be reduced and you may have to move to cheaper housing.
- It could affect larger family households in particular those with four or more children.
- It could mean a reduction of between £12 and £70 per week in Housing Benefit, although some households could face bigger reductions.

Question

Will there be any exceptions to the capping requirements?

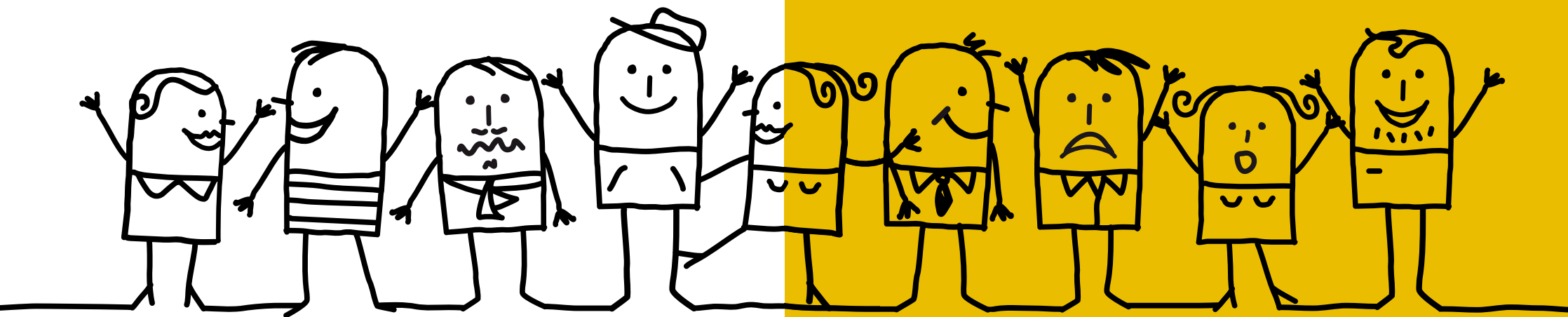
Answer

The benefit cap does not apply where any household member receives:

- Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments
- Attendance Allowance
- The support component of Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit
- War Widows/Widowers Pensions

For more information on the benefit cap visit www.direct.gov.uk/benefitcap

If you have received a letter from the Department for Work and Pensions advising you that you may be affected by the benefits cap and need more information please telephone their helpline on **0845 6057 064** or textphone **0845 6088 551** for people with hearing or speech impairments.



Who can I talk to about the benefit changes?

DWP Helpline:.....**0845 6057 064**

Citizens Advice Bureau:.....**0844 4111 444**
(landline)

0300 3300 650
(mobile)

Housing and Council Tax Benefit:.....**01709 336065**

