

# CHANGES IN CIRCUMSTANCE THAT WOULD TRIGGER A CLAIM TO UNIVERSAL CREDIT



Change in employment status	Change in family circumstances	Other
Move from out of work to in work over x hours <b>(JSA or IS → WTC)</b>	Household becomes responsible for a child for the first time. <b>(New claim to CTC)</b>	New/underlying entitlement to legacy benefit <b>(Could potentially trigger a new claim to all benefits)</b>
Move from working more than 16 hours to working less than 16 hours <b>(WTC → JSA or IS)</b>	Change of address in the relevant postcode area that requires a new claim to HB <b>(New claim to HB)</b>	Attending court/jury service <b>(JSA → IS)</b>
Move from out of work to sick <b>(JSA or IS → ESA)</b>	Out of work Lone Parent becomes couple parent <b>(IS → JSA)</b>	Ceased full time education <b>(IS → JSA)</b>
Move from sick to out of work <b>(ESA → JSA or IS)</b>	Out of work couple parent with child under 5 becomes lone parent <b>(JSA → IS)</b>	Remanded in custody <b>(JSA → IS)</b>
Move from sick to working more than 16 hours <b>(ESA → WTC)</b>	Partner leaving/joining household <b>(Could potentially trigger a new claim to all benefits)</b>	Income and/or capital goes over threshold <b>(the threshold differs for each benefit)</b>
Move from in work to reduces number of hours to sick <b>(WTC → ESA)</b>	Claimant is within 11 weeks of birth of child <b>(JSA or ESA → maternity pay) –</b> DN: maternity leave still counts as remunerative work	
Move from permitted work to permanent work or increase hours to above 16 <b>(ESA → WTC)</b>	Out of work Lone Parent's child reaches the age of 5 <b>(IS → JSA)</b>	
	Take on full time caring responsibilities <b>(new claim to IS)</b>	
	Claimant is no longer a full time carer <b>(IS → JSA)</b>	