

Universal Credit Checklist



ARE YOU READY?

Universal Credit is a brand new WORKING AGE benefit system. From the 14 November 2018 individuals from Gedling making a NEW claim for any of the benefits listed below must claim Universal Credit.

- **Income Support**
- **Housing Benefit**
- **Working Tax Credits**
- **Child Tax Credits**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Income-based Job Seekers Allowance**

With Universal Credit, you will receive 1 monthly payment, in arrears, which will include an amount to pay your rent.

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Partner agencies are working together to ensure customers are ready to make a claim for Universal Credit by producing the following checklist.

You Will Need

- To get online and have access to a computer, tablet or smartphone
- To visit www.gov.uk/universal-credit to find out more
- An email address
- Photo ID or visit GOV.UK Verify to support your claim
- To open a bank account to receive and make payments
- Your tenancy agreement and proof of current rent

Things To Be Aware Of

- ! You will be paid monthly in arrears - you can request an advance payment.
- ! You need a monthly budget in place to cover rent, essential bills and day-to-day expenses. If you are struggling, speak to your Work Coach.
- ! You make the rent payment direct to your landlord - if you're worried about paying your rent speak to your landlord now.
- ! You will have to claim help with your council tax separately to Gedling Borough Council – online or ask at Reception.

For further information and advice?

We're here to help, so don't struggle. You can contact the Universal Credit Service Centre on the free phone helpline **0800 328 5644**, speak to your Work Coach and visit www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk