

## Welfare Reform Act 2012

### 10 Responsibility for children and young persons

(1) The calculation of an award of universal credit is to include an amount for each child or qualifying young person for whom a claimant is responsible.

(1A) But the amount mentioned in subsection (1) is to be available in respect of a maximum of two persons who are either children or qualifying young persons for whom a claimant is responsible.”

(2) Regulations may make provision for the inclusion of an additional amount ~~if such a~~ for each child or qualifying young person for whom a claimant is responsible who is disabled.

(3) Regulations are to specify, or provide for the calculation of, amounts to be included under subsection (1) or (2).

(4) Regulations may provide for exceptions to subsection (1) or (1A).

(5) In this Part, “qualifying young person” means a person of a prescribed description.

### Universal Credit Regulations 2013 No.376

#### The child element

24.—(1) The amount to be included in an award of universal credit for each child or qualifying young person for whom a claimant is responsible and in respect of whom an amount may be included under section 10 (“the child element”) is given in the table in regulation 36.

(2) An additional amount as shown in that table is to be included in respect of each child or qualifying young person who is disabled and that amount is—

(a) the lower rate, where the child or qualifying young person is entitled to disability living allowance or personal independence payment (unless sub-paragraph (b) applies); or

(b) the higher rate where the child or qualifying young person is—

(i) entitled to the care component of disability living allowance at the highest rate or the daily living component of personal independence payment at the enhanced rate, or

(ii) registered as blind.