

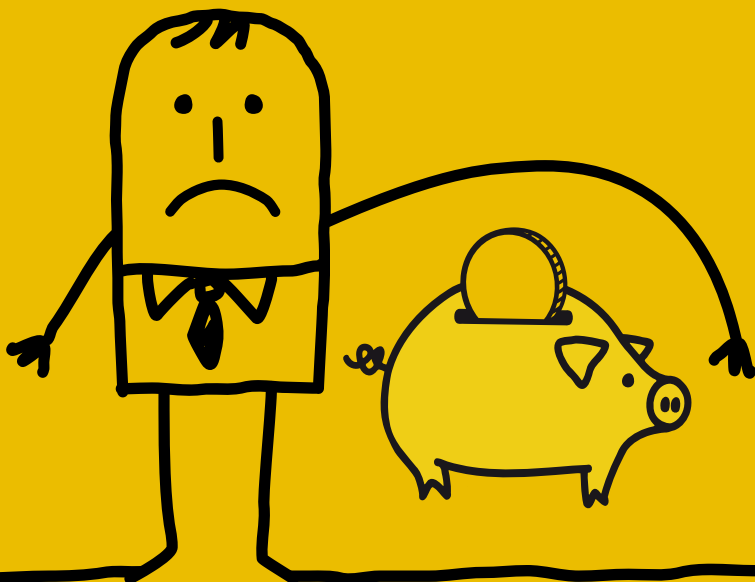
# Benefit Changes

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?

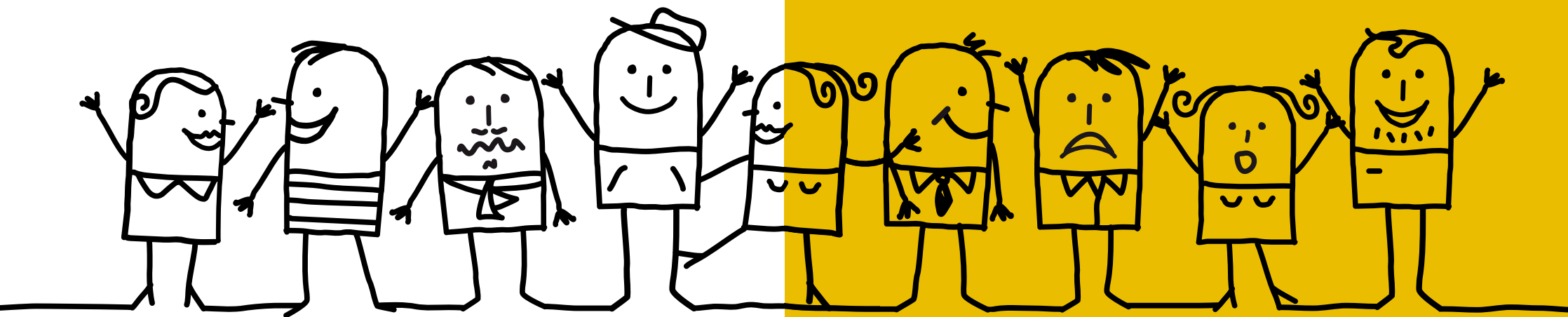
## Answer

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](http://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**

