

#cpaguniversalcredit



What is universal credit?

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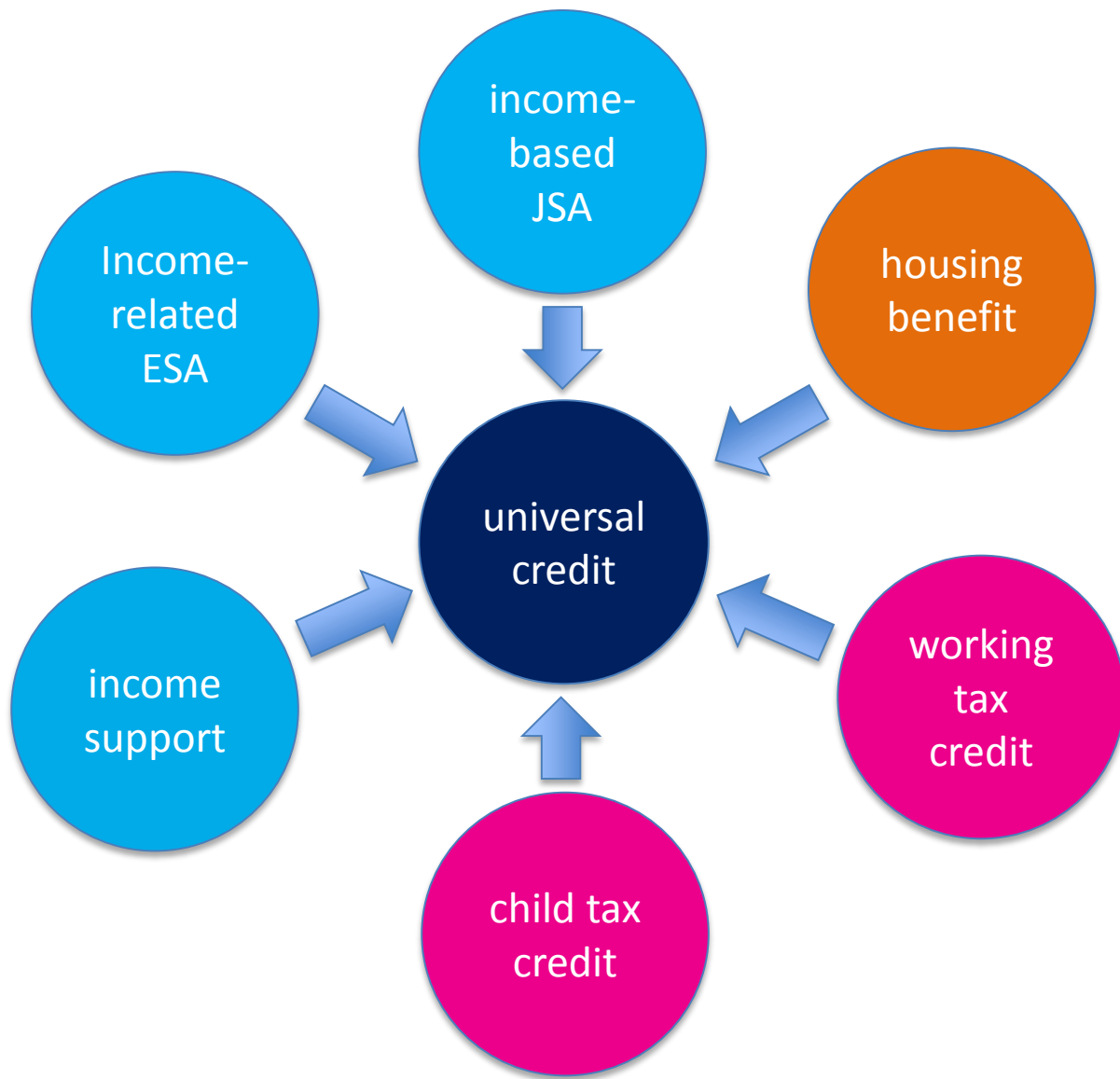
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Why?

“This is our contract: we make work pay and support you through the Work Programme to find a job.”



"But in return, if we do that, we also expect co-operation from those who are seeking work. That is why we are developing a regime of sanctions for those who refuse to play by the rules as well as targeted work activity for those who need to get used to the habits of work.”





Contribution-
based JSA

PIP,
attendance
allowance,
DLA

Industrial
injuries
disablement
benefit

Child
benefit

Contributory
ESA

Carer's
allowance

Pension
credit

Statutory
sick pay

Bereavement
benefits

Maternity
allowance,
statutory
maternity
pay

What's different?

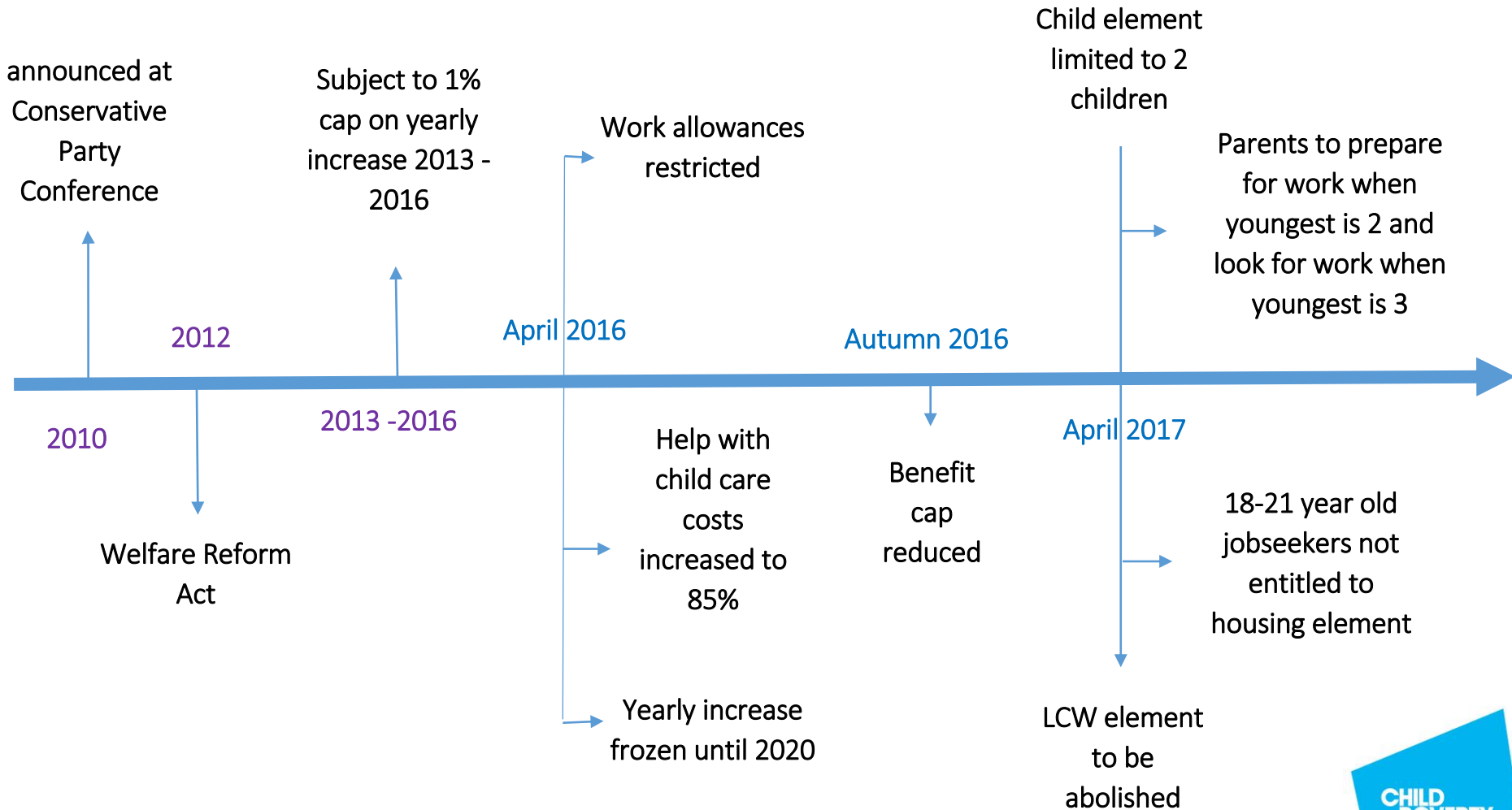
- Online claim
- One payment monthly
- In or out of work
- Increased conditionality - inc. in work
- Direct payments to claimant inc. for rent
- Real time information using PAYE

Timetable for Introduction

29 April 2013	NW England in 4 jobcentres - single, unemployed people with no children
October 2013 – March 2014	6 more pathfinder jobcentres start taking 'simple' claims
2014	Couple and family claims introduced in pathfinder areas and more jobcentres added
2016	No new claim to existing benefits
2016 - 2017	Most existing claimants transfer through managed migration or change of circumstances

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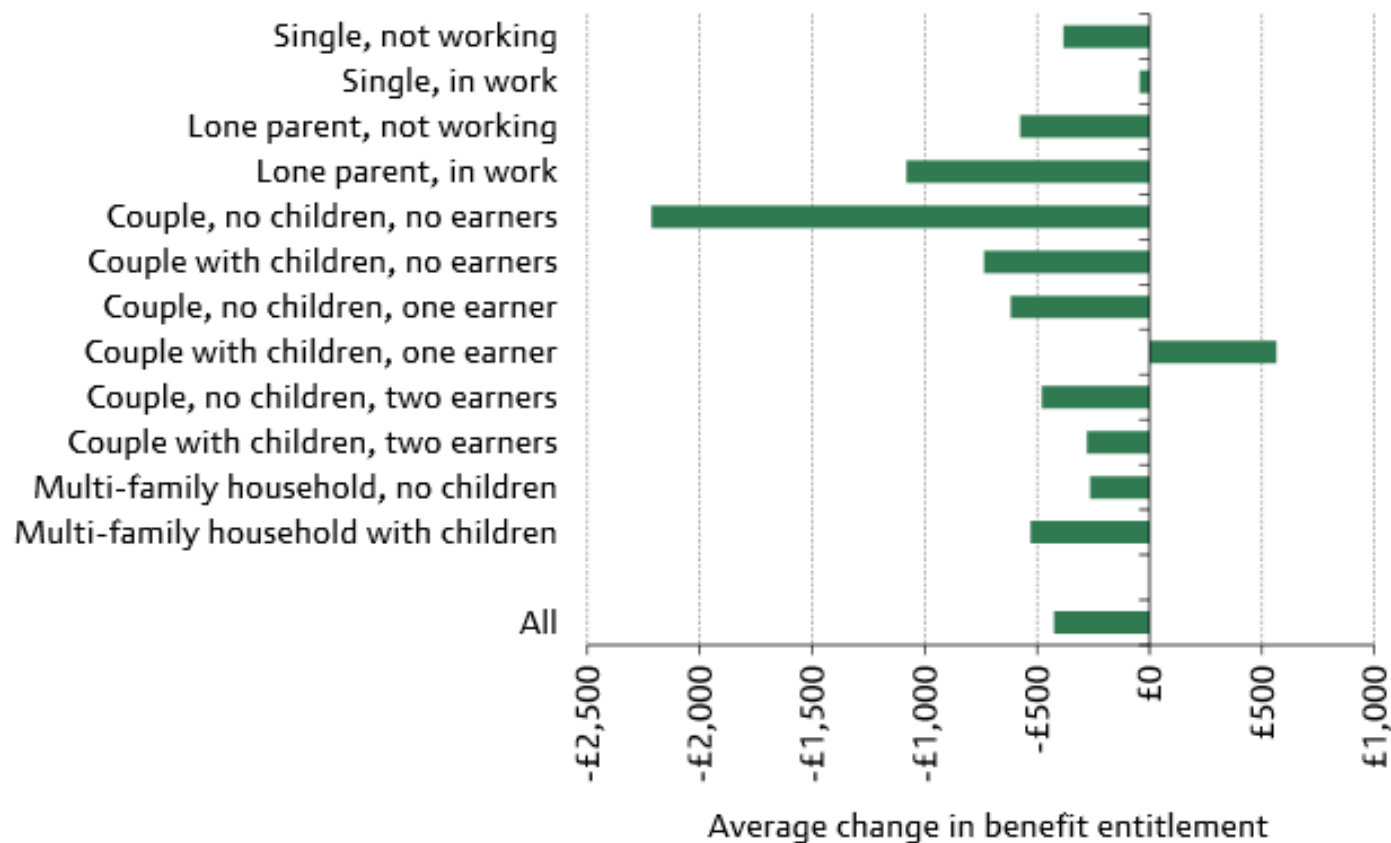
April 2013 – Jan. 2015	Gradually introduced in 96 areas (only Inverness in Scotland), taking ‘simple’ new claims from single jobseekers, with couple and family claims introduced later
Feb. 2015 – April 2016	Roll-out of ‘simple’ new claims for single people to rest of GB
2016 - 2018	Roll-out of ‘full UC service’
2018 - 2021	No new claim to ‘legacy benefits’ and existing claimants transferred via managed migration or change of circumstances



Impact on in Scotland

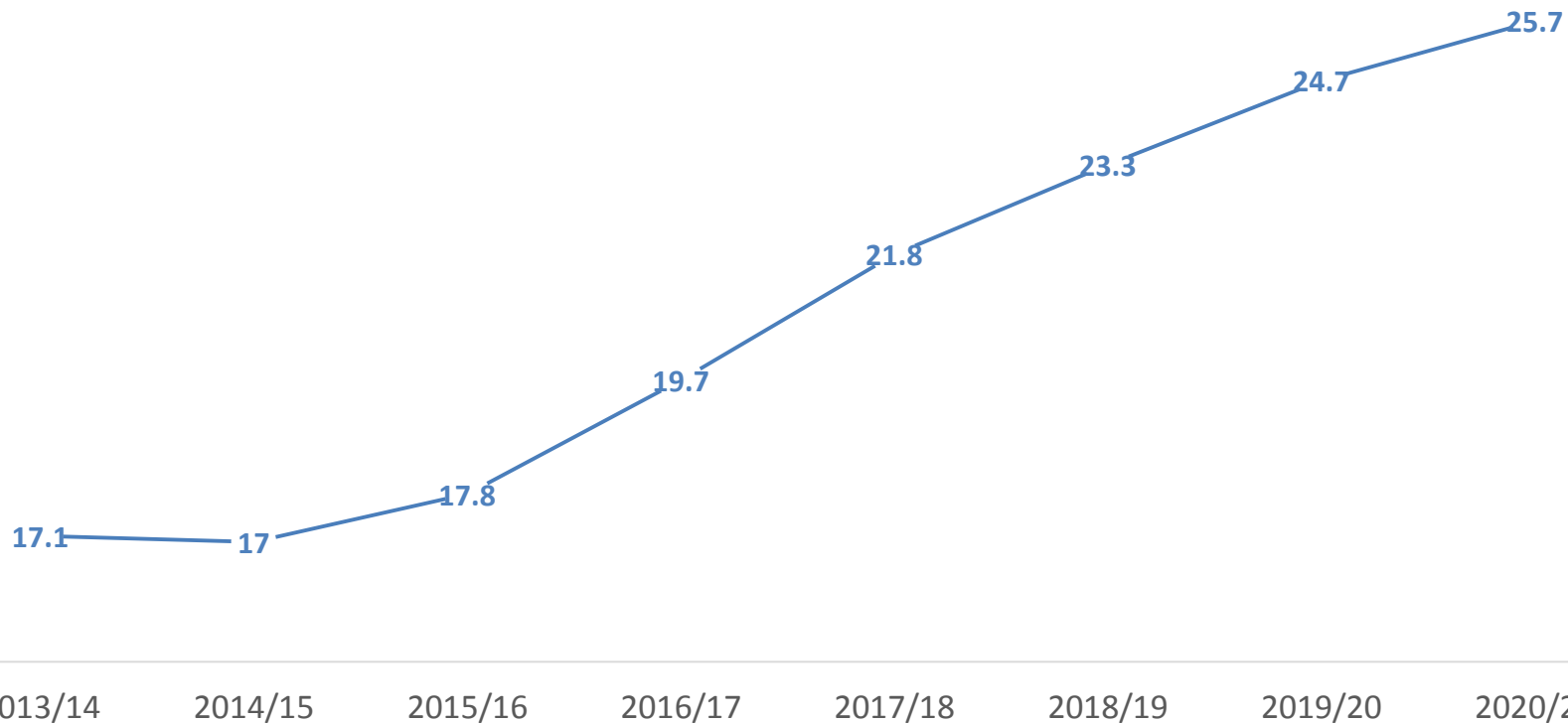
- On rates of child poverty and household income
- On the process and experience of claiming benefits
- On local and national services in Scotland

Figure 10.7. Average change in benefit entitlement among those receiving a legacy benefit by household type



Source: Authors' calculations using TAXBEN run on the 2013–14 Family Resources Survey.

PROJECTED RELATIVE CHILD POVERTY (%) BHC, UK



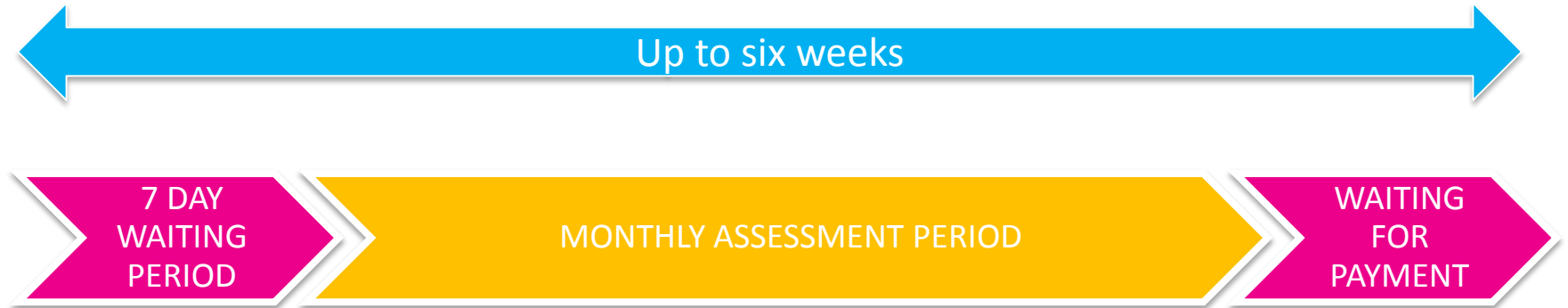
Positives

- Simplified payment?
- No new claim if move in or out of work
- Increased support for childcare

Negatives

- Lower work allowances
- 7 day waiting period
- 6 week wait for 1st payment
- In-work conditionality
- hardship payments repayable

Wait for first UC payment



Local and National Services

- For example:
 - Housing
 - Childcare / children's services
 - Crisis Support

Things to consider

- Access to information and advice
- Saving families money
- Making sure there is a safety net
- Ensure our services reflect the reality of universal credit
- Future powers