

Universal Credit and free NHS prescriptions

Not everyone who gets Universal Credit is allowed free NHS prescriptions and NHS dental treatment.



You are allowed free NHS prescriptions if your earnings during your last assessment period were:



- £435 or less



- £935 or less if you get money for a child, or have limited capability for work and work-related activity

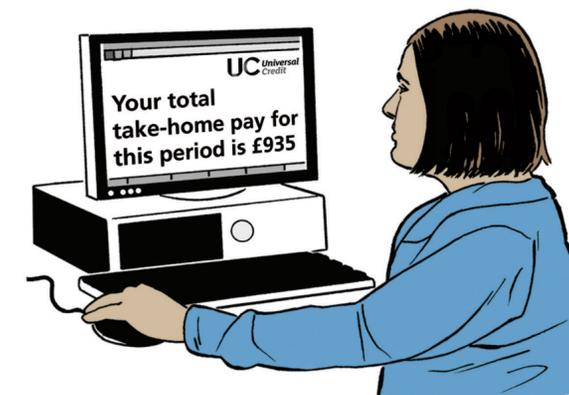


These earning limits still apply if you claim Universal Credit with your partner.

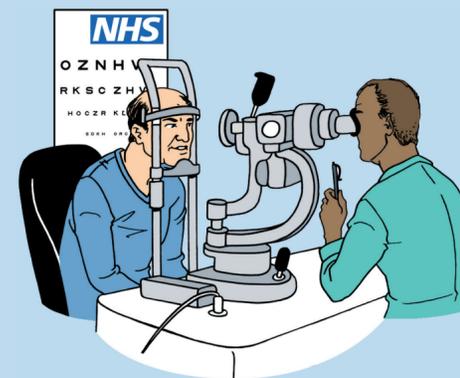
Your claim is based on the amount of money you earn as a couple.

Your earnings are shown on your statement as 'Your total take-home pay for this period'.

'Last assessment period' means the assessment period that ended just before the date you claim free prescriptions or treatment.



If you are allowed free NHS prescriptions and free NHS dental treatment because you are on Universal Credit and earn less than the limit you are also allowed:



- free NHS eye tests



- refunds towards necessary travel costs to receive NHS treatment. Not all appointments can be refunded such as routine check ups or primary care.



- free NHS wigs and fabric supports



- help with the cost of glasses or contact lenses

For more information about claiming free treatment and how to apply for help with NHS charges, visit www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/healthcosts