

# Universal Credit and free NHS prescriptions

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

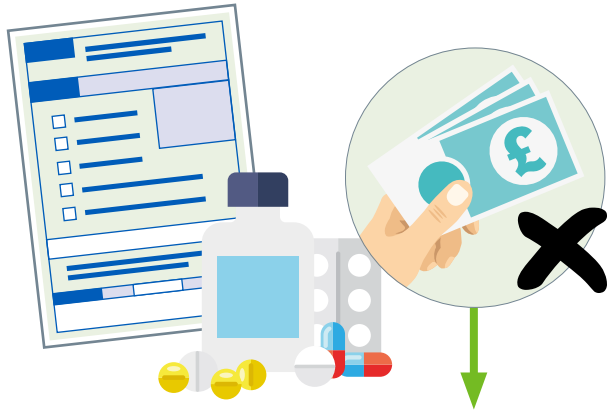


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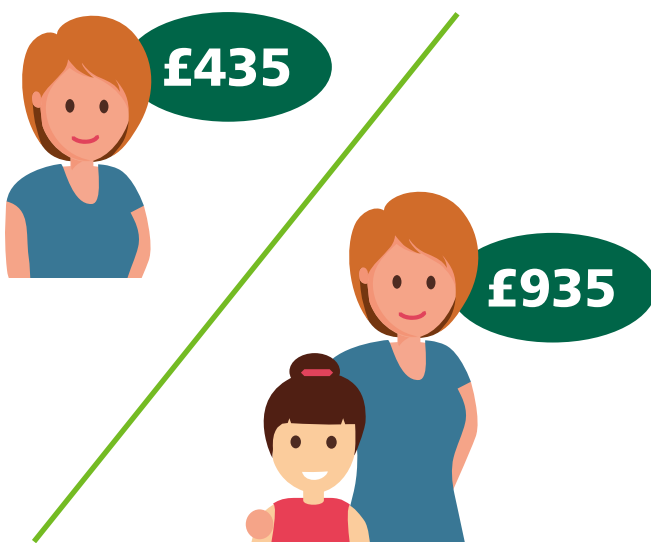
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Check if you're eligible for help

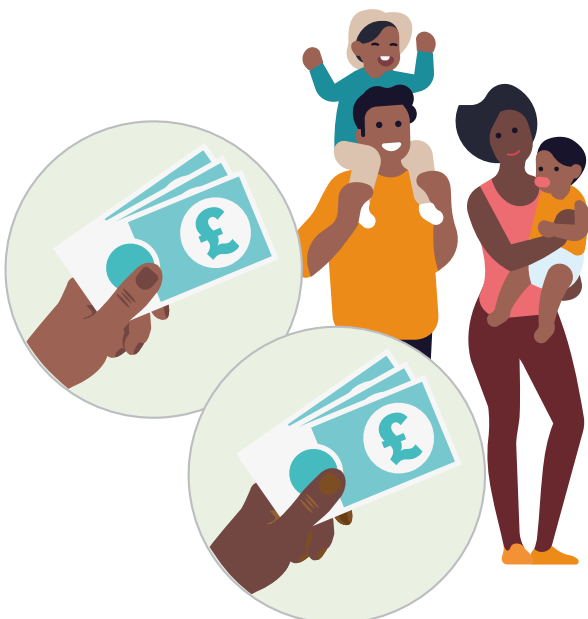




You are allowed free NHS prescriptions if you get Universal Credit and your earnings during your last assessment period were:



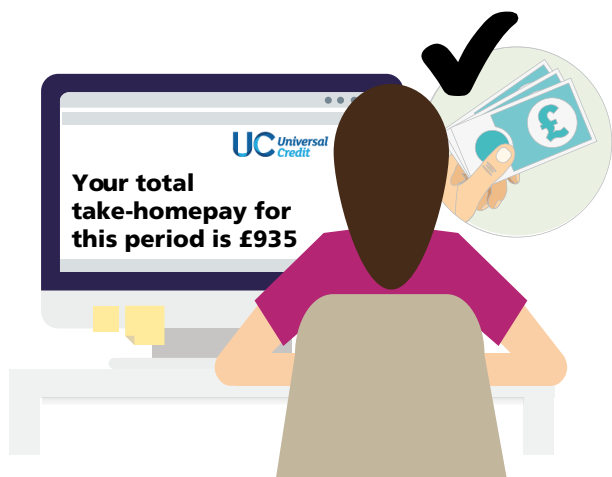
- £435 or less, or £935 or less if you get money for a child, or have limited capability for work



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'.

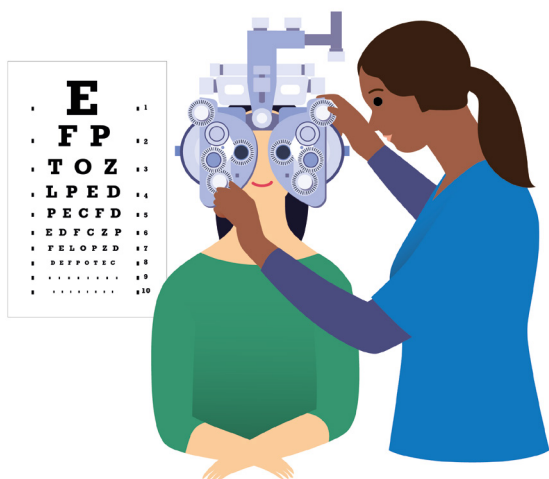


'Last assessment period' means the assessment period that ended just before the date you claim free NHS prescriptions.

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



- free NHS dental treatment



- free NHS eye tests



- free NHS wigs and fabric supports



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



- help with the cost of glasses or contact lenses

# Still not sure if you're allowed free NHS prescriptions?

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You can answer some questions online to find out if you're allowed free NHS prescriptions and can get help with other NHS charges.

It usually takes 3 minutes. Go to [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/check](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/check)



If you need support ask someone you trust to help you go online and get the information you need.

This could be a family member, friend, or support worker.

The information in this easy read guide was correct as of December 2023. The latest version is available at [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/universal-credit-toolkit](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/universal-credit-toolkit)

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