

Financial Statement		Outgoings (Monthly) essential		Outgoings (Monthly) flexible		
INCOME (Monthly)		Rent	£:_		Mobile phone(s)	£:
		Mortgage	£:_		Internet /Cable/Satellite	£:
Client's salary or wages	£:	Ground rent/service charge	s£:_		Public transport	£:
Partner's salary or wages	£:	Other secured loans	£:_		Car insurance	£::
Other income	£:	House/contents insurance	£: _		Vehicle Tax	£:
Other income	£:	Pension/life insurance	£: _		Fuel / electric charge up	£:
Benefits		Council Tax	£:_		MOT and car repairs	£:
Universal Credit	£:	Gas	£: _		Parking Costs	£:
Universal Credit-ESA	£::	Electricity	£:_		Food	£:
Tax Credit/s	£:	Water	£:_		Clothing / footwear	£:
Child Benefit	£::	TV licence	£:_		Nappies/ baby items	£:
Statutory Sick Pay	£::	Court fines	£:_		Pet food	£:
P.I.P / D.L.A	£:	Child support	£:_		Health (dental/medication)	£:
Carer's Allowance	£:	H.P. / Conditional Sale	£:_		School meals	£:
Pensions		Childcare costs	£:_		Other -	£:
State pension(s)	£::	Adult care costs	£:_		Outgoings (C) £ _	;
Private/work pension(s)	£:	Other	£:_		Total Outgoings E	3 + C
Pension Credit(s)	£:	Outgoings (B) £ _	:	_		£:
Attendance Allowance	£:					
Total Income (A)	-			Available Money £	::	
(p4 + p5)					(Total A minus Total B+C)	

Managing Better: Finances

Making a list of income and outgoings is another name for a financial statement, using a financial statement you can find a starting point and balance of what your money situation is (template in booklet)

Using this you have opportunity to break down your costs to see if you are getting the best deal for what you use and need i.e. Mobile Phone offers, Energy Tariffs etc.

Could you be entitled to benefits or if any is your benefit payments are correct as changes in income can impact on current benefit entitlement a benefit check would assist you to find this out (if in receipt of benefit any changes have to be reported, i.e. Universal credit, council tax reduction, child benefit, always check you are liable if fail to do so)

Should you have debts now that have your financial statement, contact can be made with creditors to show why you may be unable to maintain payments or unable to pay at all at this time

This is also a chance to plan forward as you may be able to save money for emergencies (appliances breakdown), Christmas, birthdays, holidays, school uniforms etc.

Links to Financial help - DWP/Local Government

Free School Meals
www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Healthy Start; for people more than 10 weeks pregnant or with children under 4, help to buy healthy food and milk. www.healthystart.nhs.uk/

Sure Start Maternity Grant; A one-off payment of £500 to help towards the costs of having your first child www.gov.uk/sure-start-maternity-grant

If you're getting free childcare if you're working or Tax-Free Childcare you have to confirm if your details are up to date every 3 months.

Sign into your childcare account to find out when you next have to check your details

Your eligibility for support with childcare costs might also change.

Check if your eligibility for help with childcare costs has changed

Check what to do when your child reaches school age,

Apply for a primary school place

Find before and after school and holiday clubs

You might be able to use help for Tax-Free Childcare to pay for childcare like wraparound care, after school clubs or other activities (as of 5th April 2025 tax credits cease and move to) Universal Credit check at gov.uk.

To Apply for all claims you must have a

National Insurance Number

British or Irish Citizenship, or Settled or Pre settled Status or applied for

Not have earnings over £100,000.00 a year

Check if you are better off (Gov.uk)

Hours work you and your partner (if have one)

Information about your children (including dates of Birth)

Monthly costs of Childcare (registered care provider)

Any Disability Benefits

DWP must be notified of any changes

Managing Better - Childcare Support

Find out if you can get help with childcare costs

You can only get help with Registered Childcare Provider.

Find where you can get childcare,

- 1. Find a nursery school place
- 2. Find a registered childminder
- 3. Search for free early education and childcare

Get help paying for childcare, You can get help with childcare costs for children under 18. You might be able to apply for:

- Tax-Free Childcare
- Universal Credit

You could also get free childcare when your child is aged 9 months to 4 years. You might be able to apply for:

- free childcare for 2 year olds if you get certain benefits
- 15 hours free childcare for 3 to 4 year olds
- free childcare if you're working

You can only get childcare vouchers if you have already joined a scheme.

Check the rules for childcare vouchers

Check what to do if your circumstances change,
Tell government straight away if your circumstances change and you're getting:

Universal Credit

Help for Households; see what support is available to help with the cost of living and save money with our energy saving tips;

helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/

Universal Credit

www.gov.uk/universal-credit

Universal Credit: further information for families

www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-credit-and-your-family-quick-guide/universal-credit-further-information-for-families

Move to UC - ucmove.campaign.gov.uk

Council Tax Reduction- for those on a low income or claim benefits.

www.gov.uk/apply-council-tax-reduction

Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) - financial support to help with rent or housing costs.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/claiming-discretionary-housing-payments/claiming-discretionary-housing-payments

Tax-Free Childcare Up to £500 every 3 months, (up to £2,000 a year) for each child, to help with the costs of childcare.

www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

Help paying for childcare www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Universal Credit & childcare; Claim back up to 85% childcare costs if eligible for Universal Credit

www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit

Help to Save; Get help with savings if you're on a low income (Help to Save) www.gov.uk/get-help-savings-low-income/what-youll-get

Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme (HTCS)

 $\underline{www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/help-with-health-costs/healthcare-travel-costs-scheme-htcs}$