



Work and benefits: will I be better off?

How starting work can affect money at home

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Changes at 16

- DLA usually moves to Personal Independence Payment (PIP) shortly after 16
- PIP can be paid directly to the young person. A parent can become an appointee if the young person can't manage it
- Child Benefit can carry on to 19 or 20 if the young person stays in approved full-time education or training

Starting work

Starting a job or apprenticeship can change the benefits a family receives, such as Child Benefit. The young person may be able to claim Universal Credit alongside low earnings, depending on their circumstances.



Check before you start

- Use a free benefits calculator, such as Turn2us
- Speak to a welfare rights or benefits adviser
- Ask Jobcentre Plus
- Tell the relevant offices about any changes

Work usually pays

In most cases, people are better off in work. Checking first means there are no surprises.

Where next? [Help to find work — www.tags.careers/guides.html](http://www.tags.careers/guides.html)