**Benefits: report a change in your circumstances**

You need to tell the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) if your circumstances change while you’re claiming benefits, or you gave incorrect information by mistake. You must report changes as soon as possible.

If you don’t report a change or a mistake and continue to get benefits, you might have to [pay some of the money back](https://www.gov.uk/benefit-overpayments/when-repayments-have-to-be-made). You might also get a £50 fine.

If you deliberately don’t report changes, you’re committing [benefit fraud](https://www.gov.uk/benefit-fraud).

**Changes you need to report**

Changes you need to report include if you:

* get a new job, work different hours, or stop working
* move in with your partner or stop living with them
* have a baby
* move house
* start full-time education or training
* rent out a room in your house or take in a lodger
* go abroad for 8 weeks or longer

The rules are different if you get [child benefit](https://www.gov.uk/report-changes-child-benefit).

**Reporting a death**

Use the [‘Tell Us Once’ service](https://www.gov.uk/after-a-death/organisations-you-need-to-contact-and-tell-us-once) if someone dies when they’re receiving benefits. The process is different if you’re in [Northern Ireland](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/bereavement-service).

**How to report changes**

Who you tell depends on which benefits you get. You’ll need to report your change to more than one organisation if you get more than one benefit.

**Pension Credit**

Call the [Pension Service helpline](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/what-youll-get) to report changes if you get Pension Credit.

**Disability benefits**

Call the [Disability Service Centre](https://www.gov.uk/disability-benefits-helpline) to report changes if you get Disability Living Allowance (DLA), Attendance Allowance (AA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

**Housing Benefit**

Tell [your local council](https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council) about changes if you get Housing Benefit.

**All other benefits**

Call [Jobcentre Plus](https://www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus/existing-benefit-claims). You need to have your National Insurance number when you call.

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