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Universal Credit (Removal of Two Child Limit) Bill

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Remove the limit on the number of children or qualifying young persons included in the calculation of an award of universal credit.

BE IT ENACTED by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Universal credit: removal of two child limit

- (1) In section 10 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (responsibility for children and young persons)—
 - (a) omit subsection (1A) (which imposes a limit of two on the number of children or qualifying young persons included in the calculation of an award of universal credit), 5
 - (b) in subsection (2), for “for each” substitute “if such a”,
 - (c) in that subsection, omit “for whom a claimant is responsible who”, and
 - (d) in subsection (4), omit “or (1A)”. 10
- (2) In regulation 24 of the Universal Credit Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/376) (the child element), in paragraph (1), omit “and in respect of whom an amount may be included under section 10”.
- (3) In regulation 36 of those Regulations (table showing amount of elements), in the table, for the row under “Child element” substitute— 15

“first child or qualifying young person	£290
second and each subsequent child or qualifying young person	£244.58”

- (4) The amendment made by subsection (3) does not affect the power to make further regulations amending or revoking the provision made by that amendment. 20
- (5) In the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016, omit section 14 (which made the amendments the effect of which is reversed by this section).

- (6) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument make transitional, transitory or saving provision in connection with the commencement of this section.
- (7) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (6) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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2 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales and Scotland.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of three months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Universal Credit (Removal of Two Child Limit) Act 2023.
- (4) **Nothing in this Act shall impose any charge on the people or on public funds, or vary the amount or incidence of or otherwise alter any such charge in any manner, or affect the assessment, levying, administration or application of any money raised by any such charge.**

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