

Welfare Rights Advice

Key changes affecting families Mar / April 2026:

✓ Two-Child Limit Ending (April 2026)

Families will once again receive **child elements for every child** under Universal Credit. This will increase payments for families with 3+ children.

✓ Child Benefit Rates Increasing (April 2026)

Child Benefit for the **eldest child rises to £27.05/week** and **£17.90/week** for additional children.

✓ Boost to Universal Credit Support

- Standard Allowance rises above inflation
- Childcare cost cap increased by £736.06 per additional child

✓ Carers looking after **more than one disabled person** will receive an extra **£520 per year, paid weekly**. Carers can get **more than one** payment if caring for multiple people.

You can speak to our
Schools Welfare Rights
Officer by calling:

Audrey Ritchie
07799 075 426

Alternatively, scan the
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✓ Scottish Carer Supplement replacing Carer's Allowance Supplement

Will now be paid **weekly**, alongside Carer Support Payment – offering **more regular financial support** instead of two lump sums a year.

✓ Carer Support Payment will continue for **12 weeks** after the person you care for passes away (increased from 8 weeks).

Need help understanding how these changes affect you?

Contact your Welfare Rights Officer for a full Benefit Check.

You may be entitled to more support than you realise.

