



Carers' Support (Bexley)

Post 16 Benefits Workshop

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What is Universal Credit?



Monthly payment for living costs



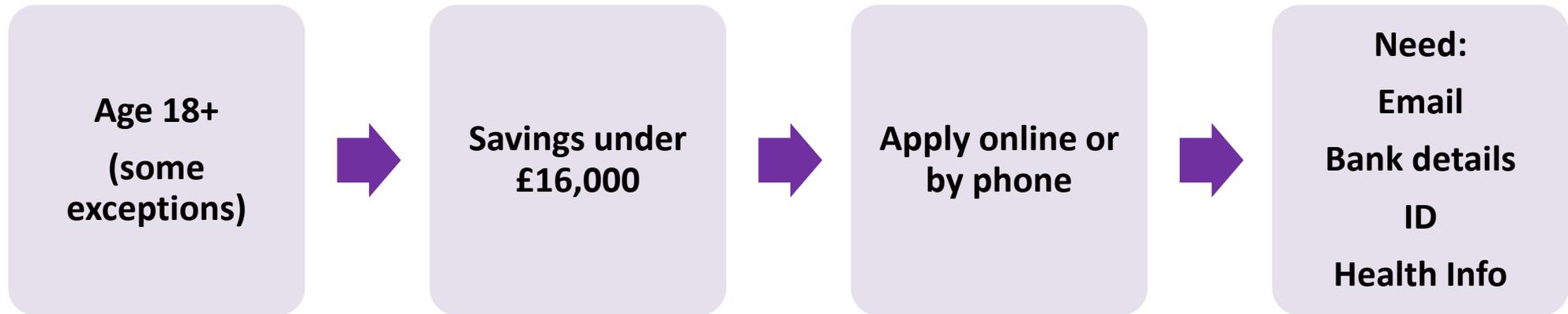
For people on low income or unable to work



Replaces older benefits (e.g., ESA, Tax Credits)



Eligibility & How to Claim





Disability & Health Conditions



Provide GP fit note



Complete UC50 form



Assessment for work capability



Extra monthly award possible



Managed Migration to UC



DWP transfers people from legacy benefits to UC



Transitional protection for managed migration only



Look out for DWP letters — do not ignore



Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) Overview



Not means-tested



Up to £27,783/year (2025/26)



Covers equipment, helpers, travel, study support



DSA — Eligibility



Disability affects ability to study



Proof required (doctor letter/diagnostic assessment)



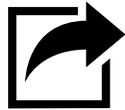
UG/PG students; Student Finance England account



Personal Independence Payment (PIP)



Invitation to claim near DLA end



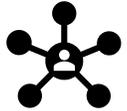
No automatic transfer — you must apply



Start claim by phone: 0800 917 2222



Access to Work — Overview



Grants for practical, mental health, communication support



Home working can be covered



Doesn't affect other benefits; may need upfront costs



Access to Work — Eligibility & Application



Age 16+ and in paid work (or about to start)



Apply online or by phone: 0800 121 7479



Reasonable adjustments are employer's legal duty



We Can Help



Speak to Felicity or Claire — 0208 302 8011



Basic guidance on UC; signposting to Citizens Advice "Help to Claim"



Information on PIP, DSA and Access to Work



Email: info@carerssupport.org



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