

CIPFA Benefits and Revenues Service

CBRS Summer Benefits Update 2024

Webinar 2 – universal credit and caselaw update

This second of two half day webinars will be delivered by webinar on:
Thursday 12 September 2024 from 1.45pm

Summary of the event

This second webinar provides an update on the delivery and changes to universal credit concentrating on how this impacts on local authority benefit services, followed by an update on the delivery and funding of local council tax support schemes and recent relevant caselaw.

The webinar starts with an analysis of the latest statistics on universal credit caseload followed by an update on issues affecting the assessment and delivery of universal credit and how this may impact on local authorities.

This is followed by an update on issues affecting the assessment of council tax support claims including amended regulations and funding arrangements and a review of the different types of local council tax support now operating in different local authorities.

Finally there is a round up of recent caselaw of the courts and tribunals affecting benefit services.

Learning Outcomes

Delegates will

- be aware of the latest issues affecting universal credit and how these impact on the administration of housing benefit and council tax support
- be informed some recent caselaw which affect the administration of housing benefit and local council tax support claims which local authorities have retained responsibilities for
- identify how those services will need to develop and change in order to provide effective support services to benefit recipients

Who Will Benefit?

Those Local Authority staff involved in the policy development and management of benefits services, staff involved in training and decision making and other staff with an interest in the local delivery of benefit services.

Programme

13.45 – 14:00

Log-on, System check, Sound check and Welcome

14:00 – 15.15

Session 1 – universal credit claims and delivery

This session starts with a summary of the latest statistics on universal credit claims followed by an update on the delivery of universal credit including recent changes and announcements;

- latest statistics on universal credit caseload
 - update on legislation including recent regulations, sanctions, other deductions, help to claim service and work capability assessments
 - administration announcements including the 53 week problem, minimum income floor and data sharing
 - latest research into universal credit rules and processes
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15:15 – 15:30

Break

15.30 – 16.30

Session 2 – council tax support and caselaw update

This session provides an update on issues relating to the assessment and delivery of council tax support in local authorities followed by a round up of recent cases at upper tribunals and the courts;

- changes to the prescribed requirement regulations
 - changes to grant arrangements including administration grant funding
 - review of council tax support schemes in England, types of schemes and the increase in banded schemes
 - council tax support schemes in Wales
 - caselaw update
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16.30

Questions and close

The facilitator for this event will be Sheldon Wood, Lead Benefits Advisor – CIPFA Benefits and Revenues Service

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