

# Your guide to The Benefit Cap



**The Benefit Cap is a limit that has been set by the government that some working age people can receive.**



## **Who is affected by the benefit cap?**

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- The cap is most likely to affect larger family households in particular those with four or more children
- It could mean a reduction of between £12 and £70 per week in Housing Benefit although some households could face bigger reductions
- The Department for Work and Pensions will be writing to people likely to be affected by the cap. The letter will offer people the opportunity to have a meeting with an advisor to offer support and advice
- If you receive a letter from the Department for Work and Pensions about this and are not sure what it means get in touch with Ashfield District Council Customer Services on **01623 457237**.



## **Will there be any exceptions to the Benefit Cap?**

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Capping will not apply to households that include:-

- Someone who is receiving Disability Living Allowance, or
- Working Tax Credits, or
- People getting War Widows' Pensions.

Benefits like social fund loans and free school meals are not affected

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### How will the welfare benefit cap be applied?

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- From April 2013 the Government has said the total overall amount of welfare benefit a household can receive will be capped (or limited) to the equivalent of the national average earnings of a working household after tax.
- For couples or lone parents the total amount of welfare benefit entitlement will be capped at £500 per week
- For single adults this will be £350 per week
- These capping rules will only apply to working age claimants



### Where can I get help and advice?

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If you think you may be affected by these changes please get in touch in the first instance with Customer Services at Ashfield District Council. You can do this in a number of ways:

- In person at Urban Road, Kirkby in Ashfield NG17 8DA
- By telephoning Customer Services on **01623 457237**
- By email to **[customerservices@ashfield-dc.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@ashfield-dc.gov.uk)**



**Further information may also be available from other websites**

**Citizens Advice**

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

**National Debt line**

[www.nationaldebtline.co.uk](http://www.nationaldebtline.co.uk) or telephone **0808 808 4000**

**Department for Work and Pensions**

[www.dwp.gov.uk](http://www.dwp.gov.uk)

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