

## Appendix A Universal Credit Timeline

January 2011	Welfare Reform Bill published
December 2012	Final Regulations laid
April 2013	First UC pathfinders launched
October 2013	Roll out starts across the country – limited to single jobseekers without housing costs.
June 2014	Gateway conditions introduced
November 2014 to May 2016	Introduction of digital service. The reset in roll out that happened in February 2013 allowed a dual roll out, the roll out of live service alongside digital roll out.
May 2016	Digital Service is renamed full live service and is rolled out across the country. Claimants on live service transferred across shortly after.
Autumn Statement 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abolition of the 7 day waiting period.</li> <li>• Increase in advance payments from 50% of estimated entitlement to 100%</li> <li>• Making it easier to apply for an advance payment</li> <li>• Increasing the recovery schedule for recovery of an advance from 6 to 12 months</li> <li>• UC claimants in receipt of HB will receive an extended payment of HB to ease the transition into UC. The customer will not need to pay this back.</li> <li>• Alternative Payment Arrangements (APA) a simpler process for Landlords to apply for the housing element to be paid direct (where the claimant is in arrears).</li> </ul>
April 2018	Removal of temporary accommodation from UC
August 2019	Start of managed migration pilot, aimed at informing the DWP on its target of completing managed migration by 2024.
April 2020	In response to the COVID-19 pandemic the freeze on benefit rates for working age claims was lifted, in addition Universal Credit rates were increased by around £20 per week. This is set to come to an end on the 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021, although whether this may be extended and in what form is unknown at the present time.
January 2021	Claims with a severe disability premium on legacy benefits can claim UC from the 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2021. These groups were previously unable to claim as they were disadvantaged in comparison to legacy benefits this has now been resolved.