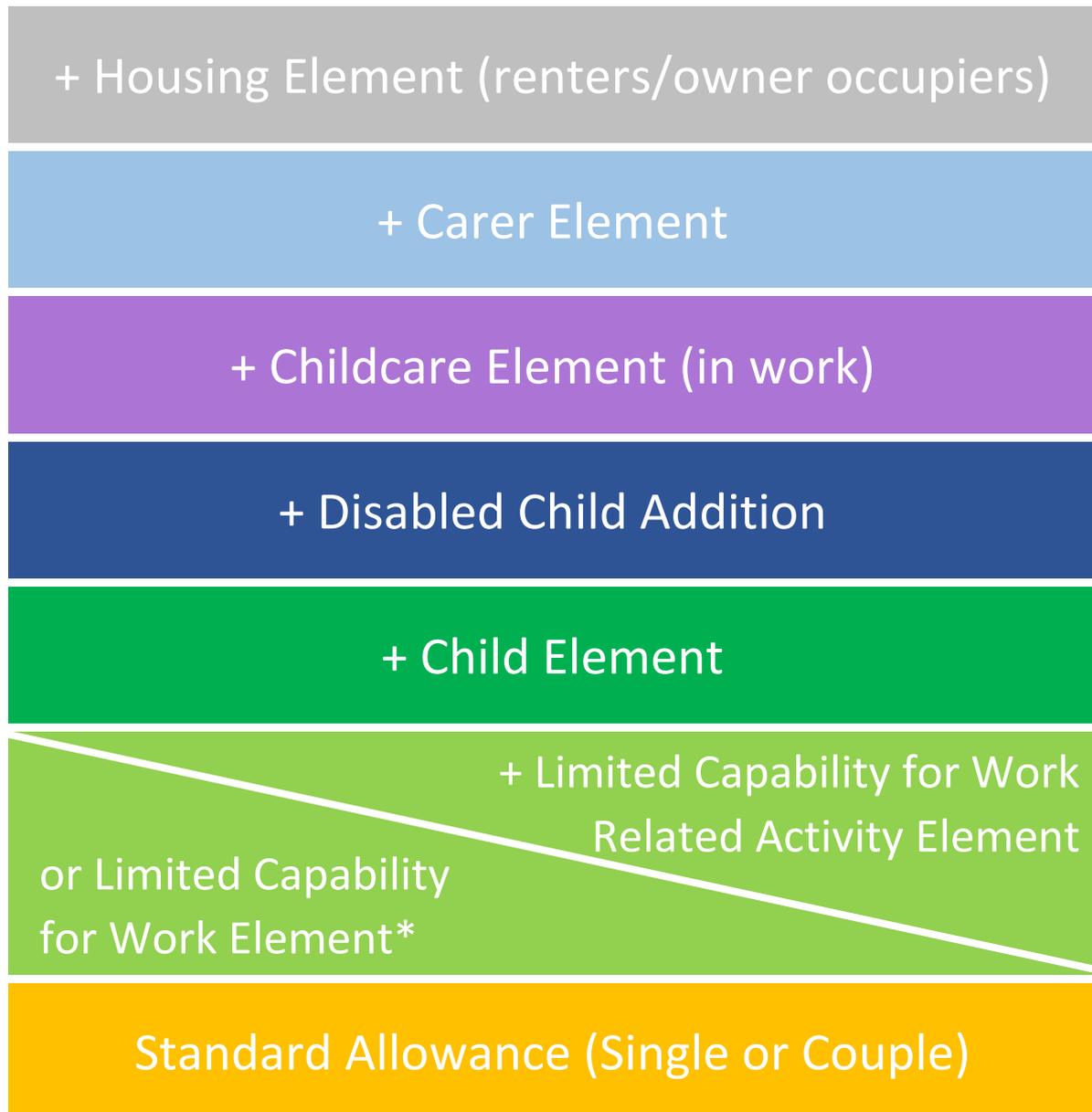


## Universal Credit 2 – Handout 2

### Calculating Universal Credit - Exercises



\* Limited Capability for Work Element can only be included in claims where periods of LCW began before April 2017.

## Exercises

1. Laura (28) is a single parent. She has 2 children, 6 and 2. She works 15 hrs/week in the local supermarket, and her 2 year old goes to nursery on those days. Her 6 year goes to school, he has Autism and gets DLA mid-rate care. She rents a 2 bed flat from a housing association. She has no savings.

Laura earns £570 per month net and pays £500 for child care. She is in receipt of child benefit. Her rent is £400 per month.

UC maximum amount per month			
Elements	Amount	Income	Amount
Standard (Single 25+)			
Child (higher rate for 1st child, born before April 17)			
Lower Child element for second child		Earnings (E)	
Lower disabled child addition		Work Allowance (WA)	
Childcare costs (85% of £500)		Earnings minus work allowance (E-WA)	
Carer Element		63% of (E-WA)	
Housing Element		Plus Other income	
UC maximum amount		<b>Total Income for UC</b>	

UC maximum amount – Total Income for UC =

**Laura's monthly UC =**

2. Erik (54) is looking for work. He is single and lives alone in a private rented flat. Erik has no income or savings, and pays £500 per month rent. He is not under-occupying his flat and it is within the budget for a single person in his area.

You may wish to do your calculation using the headings below.

UC maximum amount per month			
<b>Elements</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Standard (single 25+)		Earnings (E)	
Housing Costs		Work Allowance (WA)	
		Earnings minus work allowance (E-WA)	
		63% of (E-WA)	
		Plus Other income	
UC maximum amount		<b>Total Income for UC</b>	

UC maximum amount – Total Income for UC =

**Erik's monthly UC =**

3. Ali (45) and Aisha (42) are a couple. Ali is unable to work as he has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (assessed as having limited capability for work related activity). Aisha works 15 hours per week. She also looks after her husband. They are owner occupiers and are still paying their mortgage. They have a 17yr old son, Sam, who is doing his A-levels. Ali is in receipt of PIP standard rate daily living and high rate mobility.

Aisha earns £590 per month net. Ali is entitled to New-Style ESA, he gets £113.55 per week. They receive child benefit. They have no savings.

You may wish to do your calculation using the headings below.

UC maximum amount per month			
Elements	Amount	Income	Amount
Standard Couple 25+		Earnings (E)	
LCWRA		Work Allowance (WA)	
Child Element (higher)		Earnings minus work allowance (E-WA)	
Carer Element		63% of (E-WA)	
		Plus Other income	
UC maximum amount		<b>Total Income for UC</b>	

UC maximum amount – Total Income for UC =

**Ali and Aisha's monthly UC =**