



Find out if you could get benefits or money to help you



Have you checked if you could get benefits or money to help you?



A report says that £23 billion of benefits in the UK are not claimed every year.



Some people could get hundreds of pounds every month in benefits and money to help them.



We want to help people to find out if they could get benefits or money to help them.



You can find out if you could get benefits or money to help you online or by phone.



The Better Off Indicator



We have worked with a company called Policy in Practice to make a Better Off Indicator. Policy In Practice help people to get benefits or money to help them.



The Better Off Indicator works out if you might be able to get benefits or money to help you.



The Better Off Indicator asks you questions about:

- your age
- who you live with
- if you pay rent or a mortgage.



It also asks:

- how much money your household gets each month
- how much money your household has in savings.





After you have answered the questions, the Better Off Indicator tells you how much you might be able to get in benefits or money to help you.



You can <u>use the Better Off Indicator on our</u> website.



If the Better Off Indicator tells you you might be able to get benefits or money to help you, you can answer some more questions on Policy in Practice's Better Off Calculator.



If you do not want to use the Better Off Indicator on our website, you can phone Policy In Practice and talk to someone who can use the Better Off Calculator for you.



You will need to read the section below to find out what information you need for the Better Off Calculator.





The Better Off Calculator

The Better Off Calculator asks you more questions than the Better Off Indicator.

To use the Better Off Calculator, you will need to know:

- how much money you get. This could be from benefits, a pension or tax credits.
- how much your partner earns (if you live with your partner)
- how much other money or savings you have
- how much you pay for rent or a mortgage
- how much Council Tax you pay each year
- if you get any discounts on your Council Tax.





You will also need to know:

- how much money your household gets each month
- if anyone in your household gets Carers Allowance.





The Better Off Calculator works out if you might be able to get benefits or money to help you.



You should use the Better Off Calculator even if you have used the Better Off Indicator because it gives you a better answer.



After you have answered the questions, the Better Off Calculator tells you how much you might be able to get in benefits or money to help you.



The Better Off Calculator tells you the names of the benefits or money to help you that you might be able to get.



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You will need to know the same information as using the Better Off Calculator online.



You can phone Policy In Practice on 0300 3730619.



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