

Summary of Housing Benefit changes relating to temporary absence outside GB

| Situation | Current Rules of absence outside GB | Proposed Rules of absence outside GB |
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| Claimant or partner temporarily absent for any reason. | Up to 13 weeks | Up to 4 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Claimant absent in connection with the death of a partner | Up to 13 weeks | Up to 8 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Claimant or partner absent in connection with the death of a child or a qualifying young person normally living with the claimant. | Up to 13 weeks | Up to 8 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Claimant or partner absent in connection with the death of a close relative of claimant, partner or of a child of qualifying young person normally living with the claimant. | Up to 13 weeks | Up to 8 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Claimant or partner absent abroad in order to receive medical treatment | Up to 52 weeks | Up to 26 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Claimant or partner accompanying a partner, child or qualifying young person for medical treatment abroad | Up to 52 weeks | Up to 26 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| A person enters residential accommodation to determine whether it is suitable for their needs | 13 weeks | Up to 4 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| The person is resident in hospital or similar institution as a patient | 52 weeks | Up to 26 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| The claimant, partner or dependent child is undergoing medical treatment (MT) or medically approved convalescence in accommodation other than | 52 weeks | Up to 26 weeks (aligns with UC) |

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| residential accommodation | | |
| The person is providing medically approved care (MAC) of a person residing in the UK or elsewhere. | 52 weeks | Up to 4 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| The person is caring for a child whose parent is temporarily absent for receiving MAC or MT. | 52 weeks | Up to 4 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| The person receiving temporary care in residential accommodation that is not on a trial basis. | 52 weeks | Up to 4 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| The person that has left their dwelling through fear of violence in that dwelling. | 52 weeks | Up to 4 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| In connection with being a mariner or continental shelf worker | Up to 13 weeks | Up to 26 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| In connection with being a Share fisherman | Up to 13 weeks | Up to 4 weeks |
| The person is undertaking a training course. | Up to 52 weeks | Up to 4 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Students | Up to 52 weeks | Up to 4 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| A person is detained in custody on remand pending trial, pending sentence upon conviction, has bail requirements to live elsewhere, needs to live in bail accommodation or is sentenced following conviction | Up to 52 weeks | Up to 4 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Crown Servants | Up to 13 weeks | Up to 4 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces | Up to 13 weeks if absent outside of GB. If within GB, 13 weeks | For absence outside of GB, 26 weeks (aligns with UC Reg 10) For absence within GB, no change. |
| Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands (absences to any of these places is absence outside GB) | 13 weeks | 4 weeks in line with treatment in other legacy benefits and UC |

Summary of Pension Credit changes relating to temporary absence outside GB

| Situation | Current Rules of absence outside GB | Proposed Rules of absence outside GB |
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| Claimant or partner temporarily absent from GB for any reason. | Up to 13 weeks | Up to 4 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Claimant absent in connection with the death of a partner | Up to 13 weeks | Up to 8 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Claimant or partner absent in connection with the death of a child or a qualifying young person normally living with the claimant. | Up to 13 weeks | Up to 8 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Claimant or partner absent in connection with the death of a close relative of claimant, partner or of a child of qualifying young person normally living with the claimant. | Up to 13 weeks | Up to 8 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Claimant or partner absent abroad in order to receive medical treatment | Open-ended | Up to 26 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Claimant or partner accompanying a partner, child or qualifying young person for medical treatment abroad | 13 weeks | Up to 26 weeks (aligns with UC) |
| Transitional Protection | Exists for when the last rule change was introduced in 2008. | Those abroad at the time of the rule change subject to the old rules until they return to GB |