

Lone Parents

As from 26th October 2009, the government plans to reduce the age of the child to 10 years old ,where a lone parent can claim income support.

If you are a new claimant and your youngest child is 10 years old or above you will be unable to claim income support as a lone parent. You will require to claim another benefit ie Jobseekers Allowance or Employment Support Allowance if you are sick/disabled.

For existing claimants the plan is to implement the 10 year old age limit sometime during the year after your youngest child turns 10 years old (dates to be confirmed). At this time your entitlement to income support will cease and you will require to claim another benefit ie Jobseekers Allowance or Employment Support Allowance if you are sick/disabled. (When your income support stops, housing benefit will be suspended/stopped. You will require to inform Stirling Council about your new income ie send in letter received from Jobcentre Plus confirming new benefit being paid. Please make sure that the date income support stops is the start date you use to claim for Jobseekers Allowance or Employment Support Allowance)

****For lone parent students who have commenced course/study prior to their youngest child reaching the age limit they will continue to be classed as a lone parents until the particular course finishes.****