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How changes to working tax credits could affect you.

New working hours rules have recently been implemented which mean that couples with children can only claim Working Tax Credit if their joint weekly hours of work are at least 24, and one of them works at least 16 hours a week. Previously one of the couple needed to be working a minimum of 16 hours only. The CAB are concerned that in the present economic climate people will lose Working Tax Credit because they will be unable to find enough work to increase their hours. Many could see their disposable income reduced to the same level as unemployment benefit. If they have significant travel costs, for instance, some might even be forced to stop work altogether. If you are concerned about this, or are worried about debt, or coping on a tighter household budget, please contact us for more support.

The Uttlesford Citizens Advice Bureau offers a free, impartial and independent service, with a wide range of support available from general advice to specialist help dealing with serious debt problems, employment disputes, housing and family issues. You can call or email to make an appointment to speak to an experienced and friendly adviser in Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow, Thaxted or Stansted Mountfitchet.

Notes to editors:

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1. The Citizens Advice service helps people resolve their legal, money and other problems by providing information and advice, and by influencing policy makers.
2. The advice provided by the Citizens Advice is free, independent, confidential and impartial, and available to everyone regardless of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, age or nationality.
3. Uttlesford CAB has offices and outreaches in Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow and Thaxted. Clients can call, drop in or make an appointment. Please visit uttlesfordcab.org.uk for more information.