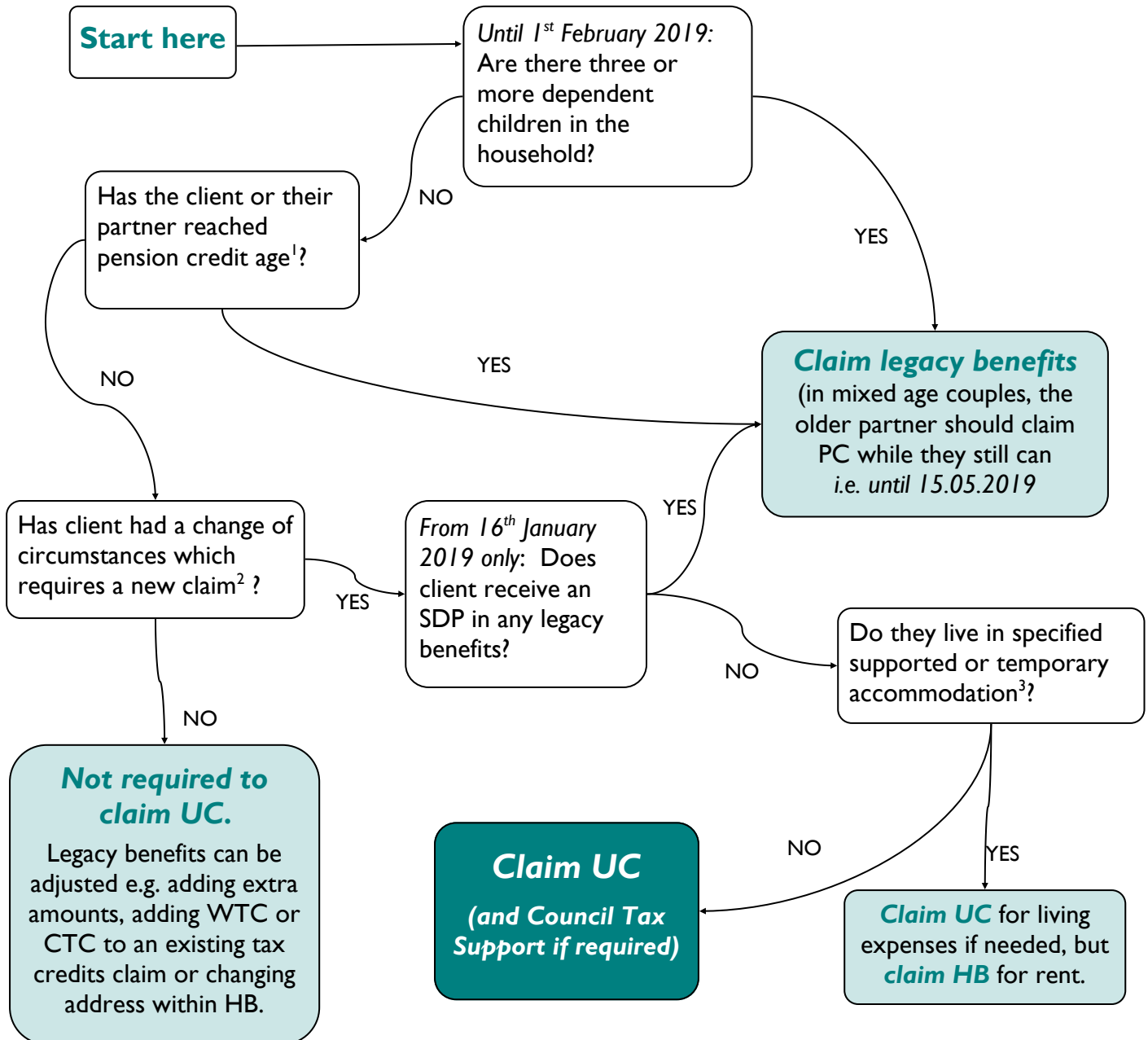


Identifying changes that trigger a claim for Universal Credit

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¹ Pension Credit age

Pension and PC age equalised at 65 in Nov 2018, then phasing in to 66 from Feb 2018 to Oct 2020

² changes that might need a new "legacy benefits" claim

Common examples - but not an exhaustive list - where a new claim would have been needed e.g. :

- move from single to couple and vice versa
 - stopping paid work. And sometimes if starting - but then always get advice before a UC claim
 - switching between benefits e.g. on becoming unwell, a jobseeker, a carer or a lone parent
 - first child in a household not already on WTC
 - moving to a new rented property in a different Full Service area - but **not** within same area.
- see separate table of common changes for more details

³ specified or temporary accommodation

"specified accommodation" is typically where rent includes a support charge e.g. foyer, night shelter, women's refuge

"temporary accommodation" i.e. which is provided or arranged by LA under homelessness legislation.