

UKMOD Change Log

Summary of principal changes between B1.12 and B1.13

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This document provides a summary of the changes implemented since the preceding public release of UKMOD. For further technical detail, please consult the Excel log file reported in the 'Log' directory of the model.

Parameter Updates

- Updates to uprating indices to reflect most recent data published by ONS and Bank of England
- Updated LHA rates to reflect reported rates for 2024/25
- Update take-up rates assumed for Scottish benefits to reflect most recently available data and projections assumed by Scottish Fiscal Commission.
- Update parameters for Scottish Child Winter Heating Assistance, Council Tax Reduction, Best Start Grant, Free School Meals, and School Clothing Grant.

Data Revisions

- Adjusted indexation of council tax from 2023/24 to 2024/25 to reflect freeze imposed by Scottish Government

Policy Reforms

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Code Corrections and Amendments

- Omit extension "UKP" from the model
 - The policy "ukpovertyline_uk" remains in the policy spine, and should be turned on manually as desired.