

## Foster parent

An extra bedroom is allowed where the claimant or couple is a foster parent and/or an adopter with whom a child has been placed for adoption.

Only one extra bedroom is allowed regardless of the number of children fostered/ adopted, their ages or gender.

A foster parent is:

- an approved foster carer who is between placements, but only for up to 52 weeks from the end of the last placement
- a newly approved foster carer for up to 52 weeks from the date of approval if no child is placed with them during that time