

MEANS TESTED BENEFITS

Income Support & Income Based JSA

Personal Allowances

single - under 18	£47.95
-18-24	£47.95
-25+	£60.50
lone parent - under 18	£47.95
- 18+	£60.50
couple - both under 18	Seek Advice
- both 18 or over	£94.95
dependant children (all ages)	£52.59

Premiums

Any of the following can be paid **together** if qualifying conditions are met:

family	£16.75
disabled child	£48.72
carer	£27.75
severe disability	
<i>single rate</i>	£50.35
<i>couple rate</i>	£100.70
enhanced disability	
<i>single person</i>	£12.60
<i>child</i>	£19.60
<i>couple, one/both qualify</i>	£18.15

Only **one** (the highest to which the claimant is entitled) of the following can be paid:

disability	
<i>single person</i>	£25.85
<i>couple, one / both qualify</i>	£36.85
Capital disregarded	£6,000
upper limit	£16,000

Pension Credit

standard guarantee credit	
<i>single person</i>	£124.05
<i>couple</i>	£189.35
additional amounts:	
<i>severely disabled, single</i>	£50.35
<i>couple</i>	£100.70
<i>carer</i>	£27.75
Savings Credit threshold	
<i>single</i>	£91.20
<i>couple</i>	£145.80
max. payable	
<i>single</i>	£19.71
<i>couple</i>	£26.13
capital limits	
<i>lower (in community or respite)</i>	£6,000
<i>(permanent care)</i>	£10,000
<i>upper</i>	none

Housing Benefit & Council Tax Benefit

As for Income Support / Pension Credit except:

Personal Allowances	
single person -aged 16-24	£47.95
aged 65+	£143.80
(HB) lone parent under 18	£47.95
couple -both under 18	£72.35
- one or both over 18	£94.95
- one or both aged 65+	£215.50

Premiums

family -lone parent rate	£22.20
-lone parent baby rate	£32.70
-other baby rate	£27.25

Capital limits

disregarded	
	£6,000
upper limit	£16,000
(no upper limit if in receipt of only the guarantee element of pension credit).	

Non-Dependant Deductions

From housing costs: IS/ JSA(IB)/ HB/ CTB
Aged 18 or over, in remunerative work

<i>gross income (£)</i>	<i>IS/JSA(IB)/HB disregard</i>	<i>CTB</i>
0 - 115.99	£7.40	£2.30
116 – 171.99	£17.00	£2.30
172 – 222.99	£23.35	£4.60
223 – 295.99	£38.20	£4.60
296 – 368.99	£43.50	£5.80
369+	£47.75	£6.95
All others for whom a deduction is made	£7.40	£2.30

Tax Credits

Per Annum unless otherwise stated

Working Tax Credit

basic element	£1,800
couple/lone parent	£1,770
30 hours element	£ 735
disability element	£2,405
severe disability element	£ 1020
50+ return to work	
16-29 hours	£1,235
30+ hours	£1,840
childcare costs . 80% of up to :	
1 child (weekly rate)	£175.00
2+ children (weekly rate)	£300.00

Child Tax Credit

family element	£ 545
baby addition	£ 545
child element	£2,085
disability element (child)	£2,540
severe disability element (child)	£1,020
1 st Income Threshold	£6,420
2 nd Income Threshold	£50,000
1 st Threshold for CTC only	£15,575

NON MEANS TESTED BENEFITS

Attendance Allowance

low rate	£44.85
high rate	£67.00

Disability Living Allowance

care component

<i>low rate</i>	£17.75
<i>middle rate</i>	£44.85
<i>high rate</i>	£67.00

mobility component

<i>low rate</i>	£17.75
<i>high rate</i>	£46.75

Carer's Allowance

basic rate	£50.55
adult dependant	£30.20
earnings limit	£95.00

Child Benefit

only/eldest child	£18.80
other children	£12.55
lone parent rate	Abolished

Incapacity Benefit

short-term (under pension age)

<i>lower rate</i>	£63.75
<i>higher rate</i>	£75.40
<i>adult dependant</i>	£39.40

long-term

<i>adult dependant</i>	£50.55
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age addition

<i>higher rate (aged under 35)</i>	£17.75
<i>lower rate (aged 35 - 44)</i>	£8.90

permitted work earnings limit

State Pension

categories A or B (<i>widow/er</i>)	£90.70
<i>adult dependant</i>	£54.35
categories B (<i>married woman</i>) & D	£54.35
<i>age addition (80+)</i>	£0.25

Jobseekers Allowance (Contribution Based)

under 18	£47.95
18-24	£47.95
25+	£60.50

Maternity Allowance

standard rate	£112.75
adult dependant	£37.90

Statutory Adoption / Maternity /Paternity Pay

£117.18

Statutory Sick Pay

£75.40

OTHER FIGURES

Residential Care (SSD)

capital limits

<i>disregarded</i>	£13,500
<i>upper limit</i>	£22,250

personal needs allowance

£21.15

max. savings credit disregard

<i>single person</i>	£5.45
<i>couple</i>	£8.15

Home Care Charging

max. weekly charge	£180.00
full hourly rate	£8.40

Employment Support Allowance (ESA)

In October 2008 ESA will be introduced. It replaces Incapacity Benefit and Income Support for work cases. There is both Contribution Based ESA and Income Based ESA and payment after the initial assessment phase depends on the claimant taking part in work related activity OR they are so ill or disabled that they will not be expected to look for work (Support Group). The amount of benefit will be set at the equivalent JSA (Income-Based) rate for the assessment period and after this additional amounts will be paid if in the Support Group or if the claimant complies with the work related activity.

At the time of printing the rate of award of these additional amounts has not been announced.

BENEFIT RATES

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