

NON-MEANS-TESTED BENEFITS

Attendance Allowance

Higher rate	£71.40
Lower rate	£47.80

Bereavement Benefits

Bereavement payment (lump sum)	£2,000
Bereavement Allowance (up to)	£97.65
Widowed Parent's Allowance	£97.65

Carer's Allowance

Adult dependant	£53.90
Earnings threshold	£31.70
	£100.00

Child Benefit

Eldest or only child	£20.30
Each other child	£13.40

Child dependant additions

Eldest or only child	£8.10
Each other child	£11.35

Disability Living Allowance

Care component	
Higher rate	£71.40
Middle rate	£47.80
Lower rate	£18.95
Mobility component	
Higher rate	£49.85
Lower rate	£18.95

Employment and Support Allowance

Basic allowance	
Age 16-24	£51.85
Age 16-24 main phase	£65.45
Age 25 or over	£65.45
Work-related activity component	£25.95
Support component	£31.40
Permitted work – higher limit	£93.00 ^(a)
– lower limit	£20.00

Guardian's Allowance

£14.30

Incapacity Benefit

Short-term lower rate	£68.95
Short-term higher rate	£81.60
Long-term rate	£91.40

Adult dependant

Long-term	£53.10
Short-term	£41.35

Age additions

under 35	£15.00
under 45	£5.80

Permitted work – higher limit	£93.00 ^(a)
– lower limit	£20.00

Industrial Injuries (100%)

£145.80

Jobseeker's Allowance

Age 16-24	£51.85
Age 25 or over	£65.45

Maternity Allowance (up to)

£124.88

Earnings threshold	£30.00
Adult dependant	£41.35

Severe Disablement Allowance

£59.45

Adult dependant	£31.90
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Age additions

under 40	£15.00
40-49 inclusive	£8.40
50-59 inclusive	£5.45

Permitted work – higher limit	£93.00 ^(a)
– lower limit	£20.00

State Pension

Own National Insurance	£97.65
On spouse's/civil partner's insurance	£58.50
Adult dependant	£57.05

Statutory Adoption Pay

£124.88 ^(c)

Statutory Maternity Pay

£124.88 ^(c)

Statutory Paternity Pay

£124.88 ^(c)

Statutory Sick Pay

£79.15 ^(c)

^(a) Increases in October.

National Minimum Wage

£ per hour From Oct – tbc

22 or over	£5.80
18-21 (trainee rate)	£4.83
16-17	£3.57

^(c) Earnings threshold £97.00

April 2010 –
April 2011

BENEFIT AND TAX CREDIT RATES AT A GLANCE

MEANS-TESTED BENEFITS AND TAX CREDITS

Income Support, income-related Employment and Support Allowance and income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Capital Limits

Upper limit	£16,000
Lower limit	£6,000
Lower limit – care homes	£10,000

(tariff income £1 pw per £250 or part £250)

Personal allowances

Single	
Age 16-24	£51.85
Age 16-24 main phase ESA	£65.45
Age 25 or over	£65.45
Lone parent	
Under 18	£51.85
Age 18 or over	£65.45
Couples	
Both under 18 (both eligible)	£78.30
One aged 18 or over (both eligible)	£102.75
Both aged 18 or over	£102.75

Components – ESA

Work-related activity component	£25.95
Support component	£31.40

Premiums

Disability – not payable in ESA	
Single	£28.00
Couple	£39.85
Enhanced disability	
Single	£13.65
Couple	£19.65
Severe disability	£53.65
Carer	£30.05
Pensioner	
Single	£67.15
Couple	£99.65

Housing costs

6.08% – this may change
Non-dependant deductions same as HB

Disregarded earnings

Single	£5.00
Couple	£10.00
Disability	£20.00
Carer	£20.00
Lone parent	£20.00
Firefighter/Lifeboat/Coastguard/TA	£20.00
Permitted work – lower limit	£20.00
– higher limit (not IS)	£93.00 ^(a)

Other disregarded income

War Pensions/Armed Forces Scheme	£10.00
Widowed Mother's/Parent's Allowance	£10.00
Student loan	£10.00
Income from boarder	£20.00
(plus 50% of remainder)	
Income from subtenant	£20.00

Old claims may still include amounts for children – see Housing Benefit.

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit

Capital limits

Under Pension Credit qualifying age

Upper limit	£16,000
Lower limit	£6,000
(tariff income – £1 pw per £250 or part £250)	

Over Pension Credit qualifying age

Upper limit	£16,000
Lower limit	£10,000
(tariff income – £1 pw per £500 or part £500)	

Applicable amounts same as Income Support/ESA except:

Pensioner	
Single age under 65	£132.60
Couple age under 65	£202.40
Single age 65 and over	£153.15
Couple age 65 and over	£229.50

Dependent children

Allowances	
Birth to Sept after 16th birthday	£57.57
From Sept after 16th birthday to day before 20th birthday	£57.57
Premiums	
Family	£17.40 ^(b)
Child under 1	£10.50
Disabled child	£52.08
Enhanced disability (child)	£21.00

Disregarded earnings same as Employment and Support Allowance except:

Lone parent	£25.00
Working 16hrs/30hrs	£17.10
Childcare costs	
One child (max)	£175.00
Two or more children (max)	£300.00
Incapable of work prior to Pension Credit qualifying age, aged 80+	£20.00

Other disregarded income

Maintenance paid for an adult	£15.00
War Pensions/Armed Forces Scheme	£10.00
Widowed Mother's/Parent's Allowance	£15.00
Student loan	£10.00
Income from boarder (plus 50% of remainder)	£20.00
Income from subtenant	£20.00

Fuel deductions

Heating	£21.55
Hot water	£2.50
Lighting	£1.75
Cooking	£2.50
All fuel	£28.30
One room	£12.90

Meals deductions

Three meals per day	£23.35
Less than three meals a day	£15.50
Breakfast only	£2.85

Non-dependant deductions – HB

Age 18 and working 16+ hours pw	
gross income less than £120.00	£7.40
gross income £120 - £177.99	£17.00
gross income £178 - £230.99	£23.35
gross income £231 - £305.99	£38.20
gross income £306 - £381.99	£43.50
gross income £382 or over	£47.75
Others age 18 or over	£7.40
On Pension Credit or under age 25 and on Income Support, income-based JSA or income-related ESA in the assessment phase	Nil
Under age 18	Nil

Non-dependant deductions – CTB only

Age 18 and working 16+ hours per week	
gross income less than £178	£2.30
gross income £178 - £305.99	£4.60
gross income £306 - £381.99	£5.80
gross income £382 or over	£6.95
Others age 18 or over	£2.30
On Income Support, income-related ESA, income-based JSA or Pension Credit	Nil
Under age 18	Nil

Council Tax Second Adult Rebate

Second adults on Income Support, income-related ESA, income-based JSA or Pension Credit	
Second adult(s) gross income under £175	15%
Second adult(s) gross income £175 - £227.99	7.5%

Working Tax Credit

per annum unless otherwise stated

Threshold	£6,420
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Elements

Basic	£1,920
Couples and lone parent	£1,890
30-hour	£790
Disability	£2,570
Severe disability	£1,095
50-plus return to work 16-29 hours	£1,320
30 hours or more	£1,965
Childcare	
80% of weekly cost for 1 child up to £175	£140
80% of weekly cost for 2 or more children up to £300	£240

Child Tax Credit

per annum

Threshold	£16,190
(entitled to CTC but not WTC)	
Second threshold	£50,000

Elements

Family	£545
Family – baby addition (child under 1)	£545
Child (per child)	£2,300
Disability (per child)	£2,715
Severe disability (per child)	£1,095

Pension Credit

Capital limits

No upper limit	
Lower limit	£10,000
(deemed income – £1 pw per £500 or part £500)	

Standard minimum guarantee

Single	£132.60
Couple	£202.40

Additional amounts

Severe disability	£53.65
Carer	£30.05

Housing costs

6.08% – this may change
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Savings credit threshold

Single	£98.40
Couple	£157.25

Savings credit

Single – max	£20.52
Couple – max	£27.09

Disregarded earnings

Single	£5.00
Couple	£10.00
Carer, age 80+, incapable of work prior to Pension Credit qualifying age, lone parent	
	£20.00

Other disregarded income

War Pensions/Armed Forces Scheme	£10.00
Widowed Mother's/Parent's Allowance	£10.00
Income from boarders (plus 50% of remainder)	£20.00
Income from sub-tenant	£20.00

(a) Increases in October.

(b) A higher rate may apply to lone parents who claimed before April 1998.

Social Services

Personal expenses allowance in Wales	£22.30
	£22.50
Savings disregard	
Single	£5.75
Couple	£8.60