

WEEKLY BENEFIT RATES 2014-2015

STAGE 1

EARNINGS REPLACEMENT BENEFITS

NON MEANS TESTED

BEREAVEMENT ALLOWANCE	
Aged 45 – 54	33.36 – 103.42
Aged 55 – pension age	111.20
BEREAVEMENT PAYMENT (one off) 2,000.00	
CARER'S ALLOWANCE	
Adult dependant	61.35
Child dependant (first child)	36.10
Earnings disregard	8.05
Earnings disregard	100.00
EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE (contributory)	
Assessment Phase aged under 25	57.35
Assessment Phase aged 25 and over	72.40
Main Phase basic allowance	72.40
Work-related activity component	28.75
Support component	35.75
INCAPACITY BENEFIT	
Short term (under pension age) Lower rate	78.50
Higher rate	92.95
Adult dependant	47.10
Child dependant (paid with higher rate)	8.05
Long term	104.10
Age addition under 35	11.00
Aged 35 – 44	6.15
Adult dependant	60.45
Child dependant (first child)	8.05
JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE (contribution based)	
Aged under 25	57.35
Aged 25 or over	72.40
MATERNITY ALLOWANCE (standard rate)	
Earnings threshold	138.18
Earnings threshold	30.00
SEVERE DISABILITY ALLOWANCE	
Age addition aged under 40	73.75
Aged 40 – 49	11.00
Aged 50 – 59	6.15
Adult dependant	6.15
Child dependant (first child)	36.30
Child dependant (first child)	8.05
STATE RETIREMENT PENSION	
Category A	113.10
Category B spouse's/ civil partner's	67.80
WIDOWED PARENT'S ALLOWANCE	
Child dependant (first child)	111.20
Child dependant (first child)	8.05
OTHER BENEFITS	
STATUTORY ADOPTION, MATERNITY AND PATERNITY PAY	138.18
STATUTORY SICK PAY	87.55
Earnings threshold	111.00

STAGE 2

UNIVERSAL BENEFITS

NON MEANS TESTED

ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE	
Lower rate	54.45
Higher rate	81.30
DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE	
Care component lower rate	21.55
Middle rate	54.45
Higher rate	81.30
Mobility component lower rate	21.55
Higher rate	56.75
GUARDIAN'S ALLOWANCE	
	16.35
INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT (20-100% DISABLED)	
	33.20-166.00
PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENT	
Daily Living Component standard rate	54.45
Daily Living Component enhanced rate	81.30
Mobility Component standard rate	21.55
Mobility Component enhanced rate	56.75
WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS PER WINTER	
Aged Pension Credit age - 79	200.00
Aged 80 and over	300.00

THE BENEFIT GAP

Couples/lone parents (weekly benefit)	500.00
Couples/lone parents (monthly benefit)	2,167.00
Single (weekly benefit)	350.00
Single (monthly benefit)	1,517.00



STAGE 3

MEANS TESTED BENEFITS

CHILD BENEFIT	
1st child	20.50
Other child(ren)	13.55
INCOME SUPPORT & JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE (income based)	
PERSONAL ALLOWANCES	
SINGLE	
Aged under 25	57.35
Aged 25 and over	72.40
Lone parent aged under 18	57.35
Aged 18 and above	72.40
COUPLE	
Both aged under 18	57.35/86.65
One aged under 18	57.35/72.40/113.70
Both aged 18+	113.70
Dependent children-some pre 2004 claims	66.33
PREMIUMS: CARER	34.20
PREMIUMS: DISABILITY	
Single/couple	31.85/45.40
Disabled Child	59.50
PREMIUMS: ENHANCED DISABILITY	
Single person/lone parent	15.55
Couple	22.35
Child	24.08
PREMIUMS: FAMILY	
PREMIUMS: PENSIONER	
Single (JSA only)	75.95
Couple	112.80
PREMIUMS: SEVERE DISABILITY (per qualifying person)	
EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE (income related)	
Single/lone parent	72.40
Except if lone parent aged under 18s/single person aged under 25 and in assessment phase	57.35
Couple	72.40/113.70
Work-related activity component	28.75
Support component	35.75
<i>(Carer, Enhanced Disability, Pensioner and Severe Disability Premiums paid at the same rate as Income Support/ JSA (income-based))</i>	
PENSION CREDIT	
Minimum guarantee	
Single	148.35
Couple	226.50
ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS	
Severe disability (per qualifying person)	61.10
Carer	34.20
SAVINGS CREDIT	
Threshold – single	120.35
Couple	192.00
Maximum – single	16.80
Couple	20.70
HOUSING BENEFIT	
PERSONAL ALLOWANCES	
As Income Support/Pension Credit rates except for:	
Single person/lone parent aged 65 and over	165.15
Couple both under 18	86.65
one aged under 18	113.70
one or both aged 65 and over	247.20
PREMIUMS: DISABLED CHILD PREMIUM	59.50
PREMIUMS: FAMILY - LONE PARENT RATE	22.20
LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT	
Variable-contact local authority	
LOCAL WELFARE PROVISION & DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS	
Variable-contact local authority	
SOCIAL FUND SURE START MATERNITY GRANT	
One off- first child only	500.00
SOCIAL FUND COLD WEATHER PAYMENTS	
	25.00
WORKING TAX CREDIT ANNUAL RATES	
Basic element	1,940.00
Couple/lone parent	1,990.00
30 hours element	800.00
Disabled worker element	2,935.00
Severe Disability element	1,255.00
CHILDCARE COSTS (70%)	
1 child (weekly rate) (maximum)	175.00
2 and over children (maximum)	300.00
CHILD TAX CREDIT ANNUAL RATES	
Family element	545.00
Child element	2,750.00
Disabled child element	3,100.00
Severely disabled child element	1,255.00
TAX CREDIT INCOME THRESHOLDS ANNUAL RATES	
1st threshold child tax credit only	16,010
Some working tax credit payable	6,420
Taper	41%
Income increase disregard	5,000
Income decrease disregard	2,500
UNIVERSAL CREDIT MONTHLY RATES	
Standard Allowance	
SINGLE	
Aged under 25	249.28
Aged 25 and over	314.67
COUPLE	
Both aged under 25	391.29
At least one aged 25 and above	493.95
Elements	
Child Element	
1st child	274.58
Other children	229.17
Additional Disabled Child Element lower	124.86
Additional Disabled Child Element higher	362.92
Housing Costs Element	variable
Limited Capability for Work Element	124.86
Limited Capability for Work-related Activity Element	311.86
Carer Element	148.61
Childcare Costs Element (70%)	
Maximum 1 child	532.29
2 or more children	912.50

CAPITAL RULES

MEANS TESTED BENEFITS. LOWER/UPPER LIMITS

BENEFIT	UNDER PENSION CREDIT AGE	PENSION CREDIT AGE
Income Support/JSA (income based)/ ESA (income related) / Universal Credit	£6,000/ £16,000	n/a
Income Support/JSA (Income based)/ ESA (income related) - Universal Credit (Care Homes)	(£6,000 or £10,000) / £16,000	n/a
Housing Benefit	£6,000/ £16,000	£10,000/ £16,000 (note no upper limit if in receipt of guarantee credit)
Pension Credit (including Care Homes)	n/a	£10,000/ no upper limit
Tariff income rules	£1(£4.35 monthly) for every £250 above lower limit	£1 for every £500 above lower limit

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