

Proposed benefit rates 2008/09

(Weekly rates unless otherwise shown)	RATES 2007	RATES 2008
ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE		
higher rate	64.50	67.00
lower rate	43.15	44.85
CARER'S ALLOWANCE		
	48.65	50.55
COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT		
Personal allowances		
single		
- 18 to 24	46.85	47.95
- 25 or over	59.15	60.50
lone parent - 18 or over	59.15	60.50
couple - one or both 18 or over	92.80	94.95
dependent children	47.45	52.59
pensioner		
- single / lone parent - 60 - 64	119.05	124.05
- couple - one or both 60 - 64	181.70	189.35
- single / lone parent - 65 and over	138.10	143.80
- couple - one or both 65 and over	207.00	215.50
Premiums		
family		
family (lone parent rate)	16.43	16.75
child under 1	22.20	22.20
	10.50	10.50
pensioner		
- single	59.90	63.55
- couple	88.90	94.40
(all pensioner premiums (including 'higher' and 'enhanced') were equalised from April 2001)		
disability		
- single	25.25	25.85
- couple	36.00	36.85
- enhanced disability premium - single rate	12.30	12.60
- disabled child rate	18.76	19.60
- couple rate	17.75	18.15
severe disability		
- single	48.45	50.35
- couple (lower rate)	48.45	50.35
- couple (higher rate)	96.90	100.70

Short-term Incapacity Benefit (under state pension age)		
lower rate	61.35	63.75
higher rate	72.55	75.40
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)		
lower rate	78.05	81.10
higher rate	81.35	84.50
Increase of long-term Incapacity Benefit for age		
higher rate	17.10	17.75
lower rate	8.55	8.90
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional)		
higher rate	17.10	17.75
middle rate	11.00	11.40
lower rate	5.50	5.70

INCOME SUPPORT

Personal Allowances

single		
under 18 - usual rate	35.65	47.95
under 18 - higher rate payable in specific circumstances	46.85	47.95
18 to 24	46.85	47.95
25 or over	59.15	60.50
lone parent		
under 18 - usual rate	35.65	47.95
under 18 - higher rate payable in specific circumstances	46.85	47.95
18 or over	59.15	60.50
couple		
both under 18	35.65	47.95
both under 18 - one disabled	46.85	47.95
both under 18 - with responsibility for a child	70.70	72.35
one under 18, one 18-24	46.85	47.95
one under 18, one 25+	59.15	60.50
both 18 or over	92.80	94.95
dependent children	47.45	52.59

Premiums

family	16.43	16.75
family (lone parent rate)	16.43	16.75
pensioner		
couple	88.90	94.40
(all pensioner premiums (including 'higher' and 'enhanced') were equalised from April 2001)		

couple (one qualifies)	48.45	50.35
couple (both qualify)	96.90	100.70
Additional amount for carers	27.15	27.75
Savings credit		
threshold - single	87.30	91.20
threshold - couple	139.60	145.80
maximum - single	19.05	19.71
maximum - couple	25.26	26.13
Capital		
Amount disregard	6000.00	6000.00
Amount disregard - care homes	10000.00	10000.00
Deemed income - £1 for each £500 (or part of) in excess of the amount disregarded		
Housing cost deductions for non-dependants aged 25 and over in receipt of Income Support or income based Jobseeker's Allowance; aged 18 or over not in work.	7.40	7.40
aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		
- gross income: less than £116.00	7.40	7.40
- gross income: £116 to £171.99	17.00	17.00
- gross income: £172 to £222.99	23.35	23.35
- gross income: £223 to £295.99	38.20	38.20
- gross income: £296 to £368.99	43.50	43.50
- gross income: £369.00 and above	47.75	47.75
Amount for claimant and first spouse in polygamous marriage	181.70	189.35
amount for additional spouse	62.65	65.30
Disregards		
standard earnings	5.00	5.00
couples earnings	10.00	10.00
higher earnings	20.00	20.00
War disablement pension and War widows pension	10.00	10.00
Armed Forces Compensation Scheme	10.00	10.00
Widowed Parent's Allowance	10.00	10.00
Income from subtenants	20.00	20.00
income from boarders : fixed amount (£20) plus 50% of the balance of that income	20.00	20.00
Deduction for third party payments – arrears of housing, fuel, water charges, council tax etc. and deductions for the Eligible Loan Deduction Scheme and Integration Loan Scheme.	3.00	3.05
Deduction for child support, contribution towards maintenance (CTM)		
standard deduction	6.00	6.10
lower deduction	3.00	3.05
Arrears of Community Charge		
court order against claimant	3.00	3.05

