

Title : WORK AND PENSIONS - Social Security Benefit Up-rating

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (Yvette Cooper): The proposed rates of benefit for 2010 are set out in the table below. The annual uprating of benefits will take place for State Pension and most other benefits in the first full week of the tax year. In 2010, this will be the week beginning 12 April. A corresponding provision will be made in Northern Ireland.

(Weekly rates unless otherwise shown)	RATES 2009	RATES 2010
ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE		
higher rate	70.35	71.40
lower rate	47.10	47.80
CARER'S ALLOWANCE		
	53.10	53.90
COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT		
Personal allowances		
single		
18 to 24	50.95	51.85
25 or over	64.30	65.45
entitled to main phase ESA	64.30	65.45
lone parent		
	64.30	65.45
couple		
	100.95	102.75
dependent children		
	56.11	57.57
pensioner		
single/lone parent has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but under 65.	130.00	132.60
couple – one or both has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but both under 65	198.45	202.40
single / lone parent - 65 and over	150.40	153.15
couple - one or both 65 and over	225.50	229.50
Premiums		
family		
family (lone parent rate)	17.30	17.40
child under 1	22.20	22.20
	10.50	10.50
disability		
single	27.50	28.00
couple	39.15	39.85
enhanced disability		
single	13.40	13.65
disabled child	20.65	21.00
couple	19.30	19.65

severe disability		
single	52.85	53.65
couple (lower rate)	52.85	53.65
couple (higher rate)	105.70	107.30
disabled child	51.24	52.08
carer	29.50	30.05
ESA components		
work-related activity	25.50	25.95
support	30.85	31.40
Alternative maximum Council Tax Benefit		
second adult on IS, JSA(IB), ESA(IR) or Pension Credit	25% of Council Tax	25% of Council Tax
first adult(s) student(s)	100% of Council Tax	100% of Council Tax
second adult's gross income :		
- under £175.00	15% of Council Tax	15% of Council Tax
- £175.00 to £227.99	7.5% of Council Tax	7.5% of Council Tax

CAPITAL LIMITS - rules common to Income Support, income based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit unless stated otherwise

upper limit	16000.00	16000.00
upper limit - Pension Credit guarantee credit and HB/CTB where claimant/partner 60 or over	No limit	No limit
Amount disregarded - all benefits except Pension Credit and Housing Benefit and Council Tax benefit for those below the qualifying age for Pension Credit	6000.00	6000.00
Amount disregarded - Pension Credit and Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit for those above the qualifying age for Pension Credit	6000.00	10000.00
child disregard (not Pension Credit)	3000.00	3000.00
amt disregarded (living in RC/NH)	10000.00	10000.00

Tariff income

£1 for every £250, or part thereof, between the amount of capital disregarded and the capital upper limit

Tariff income - Pension Credit and HB/CTB where clmt/ptner 60 or over.

£1 for every £500, or part thereof, between the amount of capital disregarded and capital upper limit

DEDUCTIONS - rules common to Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit and Council tax benefit unless stated otherwise

Non-dependant deductions from housing benefit and from IS, JSA(IB),
ESA(IR) and Pension Credit

aged 25 and over in receipt of IS and JSA(IB),
in receipt of main phase ESA(IR),
aged 18 or over, not in remunerative work

7.40 7.40

aged 18 or over and in remunerative work

- gross income: less than £120.00

7.40 7.40

- gross income: £120 to £177.99

17.00 17.00

- gross income: £178 to £230.99

23.35 23.35

- gross income: £231 to £305.99

38.20 38.20

- gross income: £306 to £381.99

43.50 43.50

- gross income: £382 and above

47.75 47.75

Non-dependant deductions from council tax benefit

aged 18 or over and in remunerative work

- gross income: £382 or more

6.95 6.95

- gross income: £306 - £381.99

5.80 5.80

- gross income: £178 - £305.99

4.60 4.60

- gross income less than £178

2.30 2.30

others,aged 18 or over

2.30 2.30

Deductions from housing benefit

Service charges for fuel

heating

21.55 21.55

hot water

2.50 2.50

lighting

1.75 1.75

cooking

2.50 2.50

Amount ineligible for meals

three or more meals a day

single claimant

22.95 23.35

each person in family aged 16 or over

22.95 23.35

each child under 16

11.60 11.80

less than three meals a day

single claimant

15.25 15.50

each person in family aged 16 or over

15.25 15.50

each child under 16

7.65 7.80

breakfast only - claimant and each member of the family

2.80 2.85

Amount for personal expenses (not HB/CTB)

21.90 22.30

Third party deductions from IS, JSA(IB), ESA(IR) and Pension Credit for;

arrears of housing, fuel and water costs

3.25 3.30

council tax etc. and deductions for ELDS and ILS.

child support, contribution towards maintenance (CTM)

standard deduction

6.50 6.60

lower deduction

3.25 3.30

arrears of Community Charge

court order against claimant

3.25 3.30

court order against couple

5.05 5.15

fine or compensation order		
standard rate	5.00	5.00
lower rate	3.25	3.30
Maximum deduction rates for recovery of overpayments (not CTB/JSA(C)/ESA(C))		
ordinary overpayments	9.75	9.90
where claimant convicted of fraud	12.80	13.20
Deductions from JSA©		
Arrears of Comm. Charge, Council Tax, fines & overpayment recovery		
Age 16 - 24	16.98	17.28
Age 25 +	21.43	21.81
Max. dedn for arrears of Child Maintenance (CTM)		
Age 16 - 24	16.98	17.28
Age 25 +	21.43	21.81

DISREGARDS

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit

Earnings disregards		
standard (single claimant)	5.00	5.00
couple	10.00	10.00
higher (special occupations/circumstances)	20.00	20.00
lone parent	25.00	25.00
childcare charges	175.00	175.00
childcare charges (2 or more children)	300.00	300.00
permitted work higher	n/a	93.00
permitted work lowe	n/a	20.00
Other Income disregards		
adult maintenance disregard	15.00	15.00
war disablement pension and war widows pension	10.00	10.00
widowed mothers/parents allowance	15.00	15.00
Armed Forces Compensation Scheme	10.00	10.00
student loan	10.00	10.00
student's covenanted income	5.00	5.00
income from boarders (plus 50% of the balance)	20.00	20.00
additional earnings disregard	16.85	17.10
income from subtenants (£20 fixed from April 08)	20.00	20.00

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

Earnings disregards		
standard (single claimant)	5.00	5.00
couple	10.00	10.00
higher (special occupations/circumstances)	20.00	20.00
Other Income disregards		
war disablement pension and war widows pension	10.00	10.00
widowed mothers/parents allowance	10.00	10.00
Armed Forces Compensation Scheme	10.00	10.00
student loan (not Pension Credit)	10.00	10.00
student's covenanted income (not Pension Credit)	5.00	5.00
income from boarders (plus 50% of the balance)	20.00	20.00
income from subtenants (£20 fixed from April 08)	20.00	20.00

DEPENDENCY INCREASES

Adult dependency increases for spouse or person looking after after children - payable with;

State Pension on own insurance.	57.05	57.05
long term Incapacity Benefit and Unemployability Supplement.	53.10	53.10
Severe Disablement Allowance	31.90	31.90
Carers Allowance	31.70	31.70
short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)	51.10	51.10
Maternity Allowance and short-term Incapacity Benefit.	41.35	41.35

Child Dependency Increases - payable with;

State Pension; Widowed Mothers/Parents Allowance; short-term Incapacity benefit - higher rate or over state pension age; long-term Incapacity Benefit; Carer's Allowance; Severe Disablement Allowance; Industrial Death Benefit (higher rate); Unemployability Supplement.	11.35	11.35
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NB - The rate of child dependency increase is adjusted where it is payable for the eldest child for whom child benefit is also paid. The weekly rate in such cases is reduced by the difference (less £3.65) between the ChB rates for the eldest and subsequent children.

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DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE

Care Component		
Highest	70.35	71.40
Middle	47.10	47.80
Lowest	18.65	18.95
Mobility Component		
Higher	49.10	49.85
Lower	18.65	18.95

EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE

Personal Allowances		
under 25	50.95	51.85
25 or over	64.30	65.45
lone parent		
under 18	50.95	51.85
18 or over	64.30	65.45
couple		
both under 18	50.95	51.85
both under 18 with child	76.90	78.30

state pension, long term incapacity benefit, severe disablement allowance, unemployability supplement - payable when dependant		
(a) is living with claimant	64.30	65.45
(b) still qualifies for the tapered earnings rule	45.09	45.09
Earnings level at which ADI is affected when dependent is not living with claimant;		
state pension,	57.05	57.05
long-term incapacity benefit, unemployability supplement	53.10	53.10
severe disablement allowance	31.90	31.90
Carers allowance	31.70	31.70
Earnings level at which child dependency increases are affected		
for first child	195.00	200.00
additional amount for each subsequent child	26.00	26.00
Pension income threshold for incapacity benefit	85.00	85.00
Pension income threshold for contributory Employment Support Allowance	85.00	85.00
HOUSING BENEFIT		
Personal allowances		
single		
16 to 24	50.95	51.85
25 or over	64.30	65.45
entitled to main phase ESA	64.30	65.45
lone parent		
under 18	50.95	51.85
18 or over	64.30	65.45
entitled to main phase ESA	64.30	65.45
couple		
both under 18	76.90	78.30
one or both 18 or over	100.95	102.75
claimant entitled to main phase ESA	100.95	102.75
dependent children	56.11	57.57
pensioner		
single/lone parent has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but under 65.	130.00	132.60
couple – one or both has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but both under 65	198.45	202.40
single / lone parent - 65 and over	150.40	153.15
couple - one or both 65 and over	225.50	229.50
Premiums		

family	17.30	17.40
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child under 1	10.50	10.50
disability		
single	27.50	28.00
couple	39.15	39.85
enhanced disability		
single	13.40	13.65
disabled child	20.65	21.00
couple	19.30	19.65
severe disability		
single	52.85	53.65
couple (lower rate)	52.85	53.65
couple (higher rate)	105.70	107.30
disabled child	51.24	52.08
carer	29.50	30.05
ESA components		
work-related activity	25.50	25.95
support	30.85	31.40
INCAPACITY BENEFIT		
Long-term Incapacity Benefit	89.80	91.40
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (under state pension age)		
lower rate	67.75	68.95
higher rate	80.15	81.60
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)		
lower rate	86.20	87.75
higher rate	89.80	91.40
Increase of Long-term Incapacity Benefit for age		
higher rate	15.65	15.00
lower rate	6.55	5.80
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional)		
higher rate	15.65	15.00
middle rate	9.10	8.40
lower rate	5.35	5.45
INCOME SUPPORT		
Personal Allowances		
single		
under 25	50.95	51.85
25 or over	64.30	65.45

lone parent		
under 18	50.95	51.85
18 or over	64.30	65.45
couple		
both under 18	50.95	51.85
both under 18 - higher rate	76.90	78.30
one under 18, one under 25	50.95	51.85
one under 18, one 25 and over	64.30	65.45
both 18 or over	100.95	102.75
dependent children	56.11	57.57
Premiums		
family / lone parent	17.30	17.40
pensioner (applies to couples only)	97.50	99.65
disability		
single	27.50	28.00
couple	39.15	39.85
enhanced disability		
single	13.40	13.65
disabled child	20.65	21.00
couple	19.30	19.65
severe disability		
single	52.85	53.65
couple (lower rate)	52.85	53.65
couple (higher rate)	105.70	107.30
disabled child	51.24	52.08
carer	29.50	30.05
Relevant sum for strikers	34.50	35.00
INDUSTRIAL DEATH BENEFIT		
Widow's pension		
higher rate	95.25	97.65
lower rate	28.58	29.30
Widower's pension	95.25	97.65
INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT		
18 and over, or under 18 with dependants		
100%	143.60	145.80
90%	129.24	131.22
80%	114.88	116.64
70%	100.52	102.06
60%	86.16	87.48

50%	71.80	72.90
40%	57.44	58.32
30%	43.08	43.74
20%	28.72	29.16
Under 18		
100%	88.05	89.35
90%	79.25	80.42
80%	70.44	71.48
70%	61.64	62.55
60%	52.83	53.61
50%	44.03	44.68
40%	35.22	35.74
30%	26.42	26.81
20%	17.61	17.87
Maximum life gratuity (lump sum)	9540.00	9680.00
Unemployability Supplement	88.75	90.10
increase for early incapacity		
higher rate	18.65	18.65
middle rate	12.00	12.00
lower rate	6.00	6.00
Maximum reduced earnings allowance	57.44	58.32
Maximum retirement allowance	14.36	14.58
Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	115.00	116.80
intermediate rate	86.25	87.60
normal maximum rate	57.50	58.40
part-time rate	28.75	29.20
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	57.50	58.40

JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Contribution based JSA - Personal rates		
under 25	50.95	51.85
25 or over	64.30	65.45
Income-based JSA - personal allowances		
under 25	50.95	51.85
25 or over	64.30	65.45
lone parent		
under 18	50.95	51.85
18 or over	64.30	65.45
couple		
both under 18	50.95	51.85

both under 18 - higher rate	76.90	78.30
one under 18, one under 25	50.95	51.85
one under 18, one 25 and over	64.30	65.45
both 18 or over	100.95	102.75
dependent children	56.11	57.57
Premiums		
family / lone parent	17.30	17.40
pensioner		
single	65.70	67.15
couple	97.50	99.65
disability		
single	27.50	28.00
couple	39.15	39.85
enhanced disability		
single	13.40	13.65
disabled child	20.65	21.00
couple	19.30	19.65
severe disability		
single	52.85	53.65
couple (lower rate)	52.85	53.65
couple (higher rate)	105.70	107.30
disabled child	51.24	52.08
carer	29.50	30.05
Prescribed sum for strikers	34.50	35.00
MATERNITY ALLOWANCE		
Standard rate	123.06	124.88
MA threshold	30.00	30.00
PENSION CREDIT		
Standard minimum guarantee		
single	130.00	132.60
couple	198.45	202.40
Additional amount for severe disability		
single	52.85	53.65
couple (one qualifies)	52.85	53.65
couple (both qualify)	105.70	107.30
Additional amount for carers	29.50	30.05
Savings credit		

threshold - single	96.00	98.40
threshold - couple	153.40	157.25
maximum - single	20.40	20.52
maximum - couple	27.03	27.09
Amount for claimant and first spouse in polygamous marriage	198.45	202.40
Additional amount for additional spouse	68.45	69.80

**PNEUMOCONIOSIS, BYSSINOSIS, AND MISCELLANEOUS DISEASES SCHEME
AND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (SUPPLEMENTATION)**

Total disablement allowance and major incapacity allowance (maximum)	143.60	145.80
Partial disablement allowance	53.10	53.90
Unemployability supplement	88.75	90.10
increases for early incapacity -		
higher rate	18.65	18.65
middle rate	12.00	12.00
lower rate	6.00	6.00
Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	115.00	116.80
intermediate rate	86.25	87.60
normal maximum rate	57.50	58.40
part-time rate	28.75	29.20
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	57.50	58.40
Lesser incapacity allowance		
maximum rate of allowance	53.10	53.90
based on loss of earnings over	70.35	71.40

STATE PENSION

Category A or B	95.25	97.65
Category B(lower) - spouse or civil partner's insurance	57.05	58.50
Category C or D - non-contributory	57.05	58.50
Category C(lower) - non-contributory	34.15	35.00

Additional pension	Increase	
	by:	0.0%

Increments to:-		
Basic pension	Increase	
	by:	0.0%
Additional pension	Increase	
	by:	0.0%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (GRB)	Increase	
	by:	0.0%
Inheritable lump sum	Increase	
	by:	0.0%

Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of pre-April 1988 contracted-out earnings		Nil
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Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of contracted-out earnings from April 1988 to 1997	Increase by:	0.0%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (unit)	0.1153	0.1153
Increase of long term incapacity for age	Increase by:	0.0%
Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
Increase of Long-term incapacity for age		
higher rate	18.65	18.65
lower rate	9.35	9.35
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional) for State Pension recipients		
higher rate	18.65	18.65
middle rate	12.00	12.00
lower rate	6.00	6.00
SEVERE DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE		
Basic rate	57.45	59.45
Age-related addition (from Dec 90)		
Higher rate	15.65	15.00
Middle rate	9.10	8.40
Lower rate	5.35	5.45
STATUTORY ADOPTION PAY		
Earnings threshold	95.00	97.00
Standard Rate	123.06	124.88
STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY		
Earnings threshold	95.00	97.00
Standard rate	123.06	124.88
STATUTORY PATERNITY PAY		
Earnings threshold	95.00	97.00
Standard Rate	123.06	124.88
STATUTORY SICK PAY		
Earnings threshold	95.00	97.00
Standard rate	79.15	79.15
WIDOW'S BENEFIT		

Widowed mother's allowance	95.25	97.65
Widow's pension standard rate	95.25	97.65
age-related age 54 (49)	88.58	90.81
53 (48)	81.92	83.98
52 (47)	75.25	77.14
51 (46)	68.58	70.31
50 (45)	61.91	63.47
49 (44)	55.25	56.64
48 (43)	48.58	49.80
47 (42)	41.91	42.97
46 (41)	35.24	36.13
45 (40)	28.58	29.30

Note: For deaths occurring before 11 April 1988 refer to age-points shown in brackets.

BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT

Bereavement payment (lump sum)	2000.00	2000.00
Widowed parent's allowance	95.25	97.65
Bereavement Allowance standard rate	95.25	97.65
age-related age 54	88.58	90.81
53	81.92	83.98
52	75.25	77.14
51	68.58	70.31
50	61.91	63.47
49	55.25	56.64
48	48.58	49.80
47	41.91	42.97
46	35.24	36.13
45	28.58	29.30