

Title: The Department for Work and Pensions - Social Security Benefit Up-rating

The Minister for Pensions (Steve Webb): I am pleased to announce the proposed rates of benefit for 2011, which are set out in the table below. The annual uprating of benefits will take place for State Pensions and most other benefits in the first full week of the tax year. In 2011, this will be the week beginning 11 April. A corresponding provision will be made in Northern Ireland.

(Weekly rates unless otherwise shown)	RATES 2010	RATES 2011
ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE		
higher rate	71.40	73.60
lower rate	47.80	49.30
BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT		
Bereavement payment (lump sum)	2000.00	2000.00
Widowed parent's allowance	97.65	100.70
Bereavement Allowance		
standard rate	97.65	100.70
age-related		
age 54	90.81	93.65
53	83.98	86.60
52	77.14	79.55
51	70.31	72.50
50	63.47	65.46
49	56.64	58.41
48	49.80	51.36
47	42.97	44.31
46	36.13	37.26
45	29.30	30.21
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 those getting HB/CTB and Pension Credit guarantee credit	No limit	No limit
Amount disregarded - all benefits except Pension Credit and Housing Benefit and Council Tax benefit for those above the	6000.00	6000.00

qualifying age for Guarantee Credit Amount disregarded - Pension Credit and Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit for those above the qualifying age for Pension Credit	10000.00	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 is
over Guarantee Credit qualifying age

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

CARER'S ALLOWANCE	53.90	55.55
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COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

Personal allowances

single		
18 to 24	51.85	53.45
25 or over	65.45	67.50
entitled to main phase ESA	65.45	67.50
lone parent	65.45	67.50
couple	102.75	105.95
dependent children	57.57	62.33
pensioner		
single/lone parent has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but under 65.	132.60	137.35
couple – one or both has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but both under 65	202.40	209.70
single / lone parent - 65 and over	153.15	157.90
couple - one or both 65 and over	229.50	236.80

Premiums

family	17.40	17.40
family (lone parent rate)	22.20	22.20
child under 1	10.50	10.50
disability		
single	28.00	28.85
couple	39.85	41.10

enhanced disability		
single	13.65	14.05
disabled child	21.00	21.63
couple	19.65	20.25
severe disability		
single	53.65	55.30
couple (lower rate)	53.65	55.30
couple (higher rate)	107.30	110.60
disabled child	52.08	53.62
carer	30.05	31.00
ESA components		
work-related activity	25.95	26.75
support	31.40	32.35
Alternative maximum Council Tax Benefit		
	25% of Council Tax	25% of Council Tax
second adult on IS, JSA(IB), ESA(IR) or Pension Credit	100% of Council Tax	100% of Council Tax
first adult(s) student(s)	15% of Council Tax	15% of Council Tax
second adult's gross income :	7.5% of Council Tax	7.5% of Council Tax
- under £177.00		
- £177.00 to £230.99		

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	9.40
aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		
- gross income: less than £122.00	7.40	9.40
- gross income: £122 to £179.99	17.00	21.55

- gross income: £180 to £233.99	23.35	29.60
- gross income: £234 to £309.99	38.20	48.45
- gross income: £310 to £386.99	43.50	55.20
- gross income: £387 and above	47.75	60.60
Non-dependant deductions from council tax benefit aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		
- gross income: £387 or more	6.95	8.60
- gross income: £310 - £386.99	5.80	7.20
- gross income: £180 - £309.99	4.60	5.70
- gross income less than £180	2.30	2.85
others, aged 18 or over	2.30	2.85
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	23.35	24.05
each person in family aged 16 or over	23.35	24.05
each child under 16	11.80	12.15
less than three meals a day		
single claimant	15.50	16.00
each person in family aged 16 or over	15.50	16.00
each child under 16	7.80	8.05
breakfast only - claimant and each member of the family	2.85	2.95
Amount for personal expenses (not HB/CTB)	22.30	22.60
Third party deductions from IS, JSA(IB), ESA(IR) and Pension Credit for;		
arrears of housing, fuel and water costs council tax etc. and deductions for ELDS and ILS.	3.30	3.40
child support, contribution towards maintenance (CTM)		
standard deduction	6.60	6.80
lower deduction	3.30	3.40
arrears of Community Charge		
court order against claimant	3.30	3.40
court order against couple	5.15	5.30
fine or compensation order		
standard rate	5.00	5.00
lower rate	3.30	3.40

Maximum deduction rates for recovery of overpayments (not CTB/JSA(C)/ESA(C))		
ordinary overpayments	9.90	10.20
where claimant convicted of fraud	13.20	13.60
Deductions from JSA(C) and ESA (C)		
Arrears of Comm. Charge, Council Tax, fines & overpayment recovery		
Age 16 - 24	17.28	17.81
Age 25 +	21.81	22.50
Max. dedn for arrears of Child Maintenance (CTM)		
Age 16 - 24	17.28	17.81
Age 25 +	21.81	22.50

DEPENDENCY INCREASES

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

State Pension on own insurance (Cat A or B)	57.05	58.80
long term Incapacity Benefit	53.10	54.75
Severe Disablement Allowance	31.90	32.90
Carers Allowance	31.70	32.70
short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)	51.10	52.70
short-term Incapacity Benefit (under State Pension age)	41.35	42.65
Child Dependency Increases - payable with;		
State Pension; Widowed Mothers/Parents Allowance;	11.35	11.35
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);		
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.	8.10	8.10

DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE

Care Component		
Highest	71.40	73.60
Middle	47.80	49.30

Lowest	18.95	19.55
Mobility Component		
Higher	49.85	51.40
Lower	18.95	19.55

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	93.00	95.00
permitted work lower	20.00	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	17.10	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

EARNINGS RULES

Carers Allowance	100.00	100.00
Limit of earnings from councillor's allowance	93.00	95.00

Permitted work earnings limit - higher	93.00	95.00
- lower	20.00	20.00
Industrial injuries unemployability supplement permitted earnings level (annual amount)	4836.00	4940.00
Earnings level at which adult dependency (ADI) increases are affected with:		
short-term incap.benefit where claimant is		
(a) under state pension age	41.35	42.65
(b) over state pension age	51.10	52.70
state pension, long term incapacity benefit, severe disablement allowance, unemployability supplement - payable when dependant		
(a) is living with claimant	65.45	67.50
(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	58.80
long-term incapacity benefit,	53.10	54.75
unemployability supplement,	53.90	55.55
severe disablement allowance	31.90	32.90
Carers allowance	31.70	32.70
Earnings level at which child dependency increases are affected		
for first child	200.00	205.00
additional amount for each subsequent child	26.00	27.00
Pension income threshold for incapacity benefit	85.00	85.00
Pension income threshold for contributory Employment Support Allowance	85.00	85.00

EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE

Personal Allowances

Single

under 25	51.85	53.45
25 or over	65.45	67.50

lone parent

under 18	51.85	53.45
18 or over	65.45	67.50

couple		
both under 18	51.85	53.45
both under 18 with child	78.30	80.75
both under 18 (main phase)	65.45	67.50
both under 18 with child (main phase)	102.75	105.95
one 18 or over, one under 18	102.75	105.95
both over 18	102.75	105.95
claimant under 25, partner under 18	51.85	53.45
claimant 25 or over, partner under 18	65.45	67.50
claimant (main phase), partner under 18	65.45	67.50
Premiums		
enhanced disability		
single	13.65	14.05
couple	19.65	20.25
severe disability		
single	53.65	55.30
couple (lower rate)	53.65	55.30
couple (higher rate)	107.30	110.60
carer	30.05	31.00
pensioner		
single with WRAC	41.20	43.10
single with support component	35.75	37.50
single with no component	67.15	69.85
couple with WRAC	73.70	77.00
couple with support component	68.25	71.40
couple with no component	99.65	103.75
Components		
Work-related Activity	25.95	26.75
Support	31.40	32.35
HOUSING BENEFIT		
Personal allowances		
single		
under 25	51.85	53.45
25 or over	65.45	67.50
entitled to main phase ESA	65.45	67.50
lone parent		
under 18	51.85	53.45
18 or over	65.45	67.50

entitled to main phase ESA	65.45	67.50
couple		
both under 18	78.30	80.75
one or both 18 or over	102.75	105.95
claimant entitled to main phase ESA	102.75	105.95
dependent children	57.57	62.33
pensioner		
single/lone parent has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but under 65.	132.60	137.35
couple – one or both has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but both under 65	202.40	209.70
single / lone parent - 65 and over	153.15	157.90
couple - one or both 65 and over	229.50	236.80
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disability		
single	28.00	28.85
couple	39.85	41.10
enhanced disability		
single	13.65	14.05
disabled child	21.00	21.63
	couple	19.65
couple	19.65	20.25
severe disability		
single	53.65	55.30
couple (lower rate)	53.65	55.30
couple (higher rate)	107.30	110.60
disabled child	52.08	53.62
carer	30.05	31.00
ESA components		
work-related activity	25.95	26.75
support	31.40	32.35

INCAPACITY BENEFIT

Long-term Incapacity Benefit	91.40	94.25
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (under state pension age)		

lower rate	68.95	71.10
higher rate	81.60	84.15
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)		
lower rate	87.75	90.45
higher rate	91.40	94.25
Increase of Long-term Incapacity Benefit for age		
higher rate	15.00	13.80
lower rate	5.80	5.60
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional)		
higher rate	15.00	13.80
middle rate	8.40	7.10
lower rate	5.45	5.60

INCOME SUPPORT

Personal Allowances

single		
under 25	51.85	53.45
25 or over	65.45	67.50
lone parent		
under 18	51.85	53.45
18 or over	65.45	67.50
couple		
both under 18	51.85	53.45
both under 18 - higher rate	78.30	80.75
one under 18, one under 25	51.85	53.45
one under 18, one 25 and over	65.45	67.50
both 18 or over	102.75	105.95
dependent children	57.57	62.33

Premiums

family / lone parent	17.40	17.40
pensioner (applies to couples only)	99.65	103.75
disability		
single	28.00	28.85
couple	39.85	41.10
enhanced disability		
single	13.65	14.05
disabled child	21.00	21.63
couple	19.65	20.25

severe disability		
single	53.65	55.30
couple (lower rate)	53.65	55.30
couple (higher rate)	107.30	110.60
disabled child	52.08	53.62
carer	30.05	31.00
Relevant sum for strikers	35.00	36.00

INDUSTRIAL DEATH BENEFIT

Widow's pension		
higher rate	97.65	102.15
lower rate	29.30	30.65
Widower's pension	97.65	102.15

INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT

18 and over, or under 18 with dependants		
100%	145.80	150.30
90%	131.22	135.27
80%	116.64	120.24
70%	102.06	105.21
60%	87.48	90.18
50%	72.90	75.15
40%	58.32	60.12
30%	43.74	45.09
20%	29.16	30.06
Under 18		
100%	89.35	92.10
90%	80.42	82.89
80%	71.48	73.68
70%	62.55	64.47
60%	53.61	55.26
50%	44.68	46.05
40%	35.74	36.84
30%	26.81	27.63
20%	17.87	18.42
Maximum life gratuity (lump sum)	9680.00	9980.00
Unemployability Supplement	90.10	92.90
increase for early incapacity		
higher rate	18.65	19.25
middle rate	12.00	12.40

lower rate	6.00	6.20
Maximum reduced earnings allowance	58.32	60.12
Maximum retirement allowance	14.58	15.03
Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	116.80	120.40
intermediate rate	87.60	90.30
normal maximum rate	58.40	60.20
part-time rate	29.20	30.10
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	58.40	60.20

JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Contribution based JSA - Personal rates		
under 25	51.85	53.45
25 or over	65.45	67.50
Income-based JSA - personal allowances		
under 25	51.85	53.45
25 or over	65.45	67.50
lone parent		
under 18	51.85	53.45
18 or over	65.45	67.50
couple		
both under 18	51.85	53.45
both under 18 - higher rate	78.30	80.75
one under 18, one under 25	51.85	53.45
one under 18, one 25 and over	65.45	67.50
both 18 or over	102.75	105.95
dependent children	57.57	62.33
Premiums		
family / lone parent	17.40	17.40
pensioner		
single	67.15	69.85
couple	99.65	103.75
disability		
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	couple	19.65
severe disability		
single	53.65	55.30
couple (lower rate)	53.65	55.30
couple (higher rate)	107.30	110.60
disabled child	52.08	53.62
carer	30.05	31.00
Prescribed sum for strikers	35.00	36.00

MATERNITY ALLOWANCE

Standard rate	124.88	128.73
MA threshold	30.00	30.00

PENSION CREDIT

Standard minimum guarantee		
single	132.60	137.35
couple	202.40	209.70
Additional amount for severe disability		
single	53.65	55.30
couple (one qualifies)	53.65	55.30
couple (both qualify)	107.30	110.60
Additional amount for carers	30.05	31.00
Savings credit		
threshold - single	98.40	103.15
threshold - couple	157.25	164.55
maximum - single	20.52	20.52
maximum - couple	27.09	27.09
Amount for claimant and first spouse in polygamous marriage	202.40	209.70
Additional amount for additional spouse	69.80	72.35

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

Total disablement allowance and major incapacity allowance (maximum)	145.80	150.30
Partial disablement allowance	53.90	55.55
Unemployability supplement	90.10	92.90
increases for early incapacity -		
higher rate	18.65	19.25
middle rate	12.00	12.40
lower rate	6.00	6.20
Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	116.80	120.40
intermediate rate	87.60	90.30
normal maximum rate	58.40	60.20
part-time rate	29.20	30.10
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	58.40	60.20
Lesser incapacity allowance		
maximum rate of allowance	53.90	55.55
based on loss of earnings over	71.40	73.60

SEVERE DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE

Basic rate	59.45	62.95
Age-related addition (from Dec 90)		
Higher rate	15.00	13.80
Middle rate	8.40	7.10
Lower rate	5.45	5.60

STATE PENSION

Category A or B	97.65	102.15
Category B(lower) - spouse or civil partner's insurance	58.50	61.20
Category C or D - non-contributory	58.50	61.20

Additional pension	Increase by:	3.10%
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Increments to:-

Basic pension	Increase by:	3.10%
Additional pension	Increase	3.10%

Graduated Retirement Benefit (GRB)	by: Increase	3.10%
Inheritable lump sum	by: Increase	3.10%
Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of pre-April 1988 contracted-out earnings	Nil	Nil
Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of contracted-out earnings from April 1988 to 1997	Increase by:	3.00%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (unit)	0.1153	0.1189
Increase of long term incapacity for age	Increase by:	3.10%
Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
Increase of Long-term incapacity for age higher rate	18.65	19.25
lower rate	9.35	9.65
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional) for State Pension recipients higher rate	18.65	19.25
middle rate	12.00	12.40
lower rate	6.00	6.20

STATUTORY ADOPTION PAY

Earnings threshold	97.00	102.00
Standard Rate	124.88	128.73

STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	97.00	102.00
Standard rate	124.88	128.73

STATUTORY PATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	97.00	102.00
Standard Rate	124.88	128.73

STATUTORY SICK PAY

Earnings threshold	97.00	102.00
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Standard rate	79.15	81.60
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WIDOW'S BENEFIT

Widowed mother's allowance	97.65	100.70
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Widow's pension		
standard rate	97.65	100.70
age-related		
age 54 (49)	90.81	93.65
53 (48)	83.98	86.60
52 (47)	77.14	79.55
51 (46)	70.31	72.50
50 (45)	63.47	65.46
49 (44)	56.64	58.41
48 (43)	49.80	51.36
47 (42)	42.97	44.31
46 (41)	36.13	37.26
45 (40)	29.30	30.21

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