

Schedule of proposed benefit rates from April 2012

(Weekly rates unless otherwise shown)	RATES 2011	RATES 2012
ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE		
higher rate	73.60	77.45
lower rate	49.30	51.85
BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT		
Bereavement payment (lump sum)	2000.00	2000.00
Widowed parent's allowance	100.70	105.95
Bereavement Allowance		
standard rate	100.70	105.95
age-related		
age 54	93.65	98.53
53	86.60	91.12
52	79.55	83.70
51	72.50	76.28
50	65.46	68.87
49	58.41	61.45
48	51.36	54.03
47	44.31	46.62
46	37.26	39.20
45	30.21	31.79
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 Housing Benefit /Council Tax Benefit 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 qualifying age for Guarantee 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	10000.00	10000.00
child disregard (not Pension Credit or Employment and Support Allowance)	3000.00	3000.00
amount 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 claimant/ partner 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	55.55	58.45
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COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

Personal allowances

single		
18 to 24	53.45	56.25
25 or over	67.50	71.00
entitled to main phase ESA	67.50	71.00
lone parent	67.50	71.00
couple	105.95	111.45
dependent children	62.33	64.99
pensioner		
single/lone parent has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but under 65.	137.35	142.70
couple – one or both has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but both under 65	209.70	217.90
single / lone parent - 65 and over	157.90	161.25
couple - one or both 65 and over	236.80	241.65

Premiums

family	17.40	17.40
family (lone parent rate)	22.20	22.20
disability		
single	28.85	30.35
couple	41.10	43.25
enhanced disability		
single	14.05	14.80
disabled child	21.63	22.89
couple	20.25	21.30
severe disability		
single	55.30	58.20
couple (lower rate)	55.30	58.20
couple (higher rate)	110.60	116.40
disabled child	53.62	56.63
carer	31.00	32.60
ESA components		
work-related activity	26.75	28.15
support	32.35	34.05

Alternative maximum Council Tax Benefit

	25% of Council Tax	25% of Council Tax
second adult on IS, JSA(IB), ESA(IR) or Pension Credit		
first adult(s) student(s)	100% of Council Tax	100% of Council Tax
second adult's gross income :		
- under £180.00	15% of Council Tax	15% of Council Tax
- £180.00 to £234.99	7.5% of Council Tax	7.5% of Council Tax

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	9.40	11.45
aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		
- gross income: less than £124.00	9.40	11.45
- gross income: £124 to £182.99	21.55	26.25
- gross income: £183 to £237.99	29.60	36.10
- gross income: £238 to £315.99	48.45	59.05
- gross income: £316 to £393.99	55.20	67.25
- gross income: £394 and above	60.60	73.85
Non-dependant deductions from council tax benefit		
aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		
- gross income: £394 or more	8.60	9.90
- gross income: £316 - £393.99	7.20	8.25
- gross income: £183 - £315.99	5.70	6.55
- gross income less than £183	2.85	3.30
others,aged 18 or over	2.85	3.30
Deductions from housing benefit		
Service charges for fuel		
heating	21.55	25.50
hot water	2.50	2.95
lighting	1.75	2.05
cooking	2.50	2.95
Amount ineligible for meals		
three or more meals a day		
single claimant	24.05	25.30
each person in family aged 16 or over	24.05	25.30
each child under 16	12.15	12.80

less than three meals a day		
single claimant	16.00	16.85
each person in family aged 16 or over	16.00	16.85
each child under 16	8.05	8.45
breakfast only - claimant and each member of the family	2.95	3.10
Amount for personal expenses (not HB/CTB)	22.60	23.25
Third party deductions from IS, JSA(IB), ESA(IR) and Pension Credit for;		
arrears of housing, fuel and water costs	3.40	3.55
council tax etc. and deductions for ELDS and ILS.		
child support, contribution towards maintenance (CTM)		
standard deduction	6.80	7.10
lower deduction	3.40	3.55
arrears of Community Charge		
court order against claimant	3.40	3.55
court order against couple	5.30	5.60
fine or compensation order		
standard rate	5.00	5.00
lower rate	3.40	3.55
Maximum deduction rates for recovery of overpayments (not CTB/JSA(C)/ESA(C))		
ordinary overpayments	10.20	10.65
where claimant convicted of fraud	13.60	17.75
Deductions from JSA(C) and ESA (C)		
Arrears of Comm. Charge, Council Tax, fines & overpayment recovery		
Age 16 - 24	17.81	18.75
Age 25 +	22.50	23.66
Max. dedn for arrears of Child Maintenance (CTM)		
Age 16 - 24	17.81	18.75
Age 25 +	22.50	23.66

DEPENDENCY INCREASES

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

State Pension on own insurance (Cat A or B)	58.80	61.85
long term Incapacity Benefit ISCS Group 13 Type 5	54.75	57.60
Severe Disablement Allowance	32.90	34.60
Carers Allowance	32.70	34.40
short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)	52.70	55.45
short-term Incapacity Benefit (under State Pension age)	42.65	44.85

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);	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.	8.10	8.10
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DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE

Care Component		
Highest	73.60	77.45
Middle	49.30	51.85
Lowest	19.55	20.55
Mobility Component		
Higher	51.40	54.05
Lower	19.55	20.55

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	95.00	97.50
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	95.00	97.50
Permitted work earnings limit - higher	95.00	97.50
- lower	20.00	20.00
Industrial injuries unemployability supplement permitted earnings level (annual amount)	4940.00	5070.00

Earnings level at which adult dependency (ADI) increases are affected with:

short-term incapacity benefit where claimant is		
(a) under state pension age	42.65	44.85
(b) over state pension age	52.70	55.45

state pension, long term incapacity benefit, severe disablement allowance, unemployability supplement - payable when dependant		
(a) is living with claimant	67.50	71.00
(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,	58.80	61.85
long-term incapacity benefit,	54.75	57.60
unemployability supplement,	55.55	58.45
severe disablement allowance	32.90	34.60

Carers allowance	32.70	34.40
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Earnings level at which child dependency increases are affected		
for first child	205.00	215.00
additional amount for each subsequent child	27.00	28.00

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	53.45	56.25
25 or over	67.50	71.00
lone parent		
under 18	53.45	56.25
18 or over	67.50	71.00
couple		
both under 18	53.45	56.25
both under 18 with child	80.75	84.95
both under 18 (main phase)	67.50	71.00
both under 18 with child (main phase)	105.95	111.45
one 18 or over, one under 18 (certain conditions apply)	105.95	111.45
both over 18	105.95	111.45
claimant under 25, partner under 18	53.45	56.25
claimant 25 or over, partner under 18	67.50	71.00
claimant (main phase), partner under 18	67.50	71.00

Premiums

enhanced disability		
single	14.05	14.80
couple	20.25	21.30
severe disability		
single	55.30	58.20
couple (lower rate)	55.30	58.20
couple (higher rate)	110.60	116.40
carer	31.00	32.60
pensioner		
single with WRAC	43.10	43.55
single with support component	37.50	37.65
single with no component	69.85	71.70
couple with WRAC	77.00	78.30
couple with support component	71.40	72.40
couple with no component	103.75	106.45

Components

Work-related Activity	26.75	28.15
Support	32.35	34.05

HOUSING BENEFIT

Personal allowances

single		
under 25	53.45	56.25
25 or over	67.50	71.00
entitled to main phase ESA	67.50	71.00
lone parent		
under 18	53.45	56.25
18 or over	67.50	71.00
entitled to main phase ESA	67.50	71.00
couple		
both under 18	80.75	84.95
one or both 18 or over	105.95	111.45
claimant entitled to main phase ESA	105.95	111.45
dependent children	62.33	64.99
pensioner		
single/lone parent has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but under 65.	137.35	142.70
couple – one or both has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but both under 65	209.70	217.90
single / lone parent - 65 and over	157.90	161.25
couple - one or both 65 and over	236.80	241.65
Premiums		
family	17.40	17.40
family (lone parent rate)	22.20	22.20
disability		
single	28.85	30.35
couple	41.10	43.25
enhanced disability		
single	14.05	14.80
disabled child	21.63	22.89
couple	20.25	21.30
severe disability		
single	55.30	58.20
couple (lower rate)	55.30	58.20
couple (higher rate)	110.60	116.40
disabled child	53.62	56.63
carer	31.00	32.60
ESA components		
work-related activity	26.75	28.15
support	32.35	34.05

INCAPACITY BENEFIT

Long-term Incapacity Benefit	94.25	99.15
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (under state pension age)		
lower rate	71.10	74.80
higher rate	84.15	88.55
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)		
lower rate	90.45	95.15
higher rate	94.25	99.15
Increase of Long-term Incapacity Benefit for age		
higher rate	13.80	11.70
lower rate	5.60	5.90
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional)		
higher rate	13.80	11.70
middle rate	7.10	5.90
lower rate	5.60	5.90

INCOME SUPPORT

Personal Allowances

single		
under 25	53.45	56.25
25 or over	67.50	71.00
lone parent		
under 18	53.45	56.25
18 or over	67.50	71.00
couple		
both under 18	53.45	56.25
both under 18 - higher rate	80.75	84.95
one under 18, one under 25	53.45	56.25
one under 18, one 25 and over	67.50	71.00
both 18 or over	105.95	111.45
dependent children	62.33	64.99

Premiums

family / lone parent	17.40	17.40
pensioner (applies to couples only)	103.75	106.45
disability		
single	28.85	30.35
couple	41.10	43.25
enhanced disability		
single	14.05	14.80

disabled child	21.63	22.89
couple	20.25	21.30
severe disability		
single	55.30	58.20
couple (lower rate)	55.30	58.20
couple (higher rate)	110.60	116.40
disabled child	53.62	56.63
carer	31.00	32.60
Relevant sum for strikers	36.00	38.00

INDUSTRIAL DEATH BENEFIT

Widow's pension		
higher rate	102.15	107.45
lower rate	30.65	32.24
Widower's pension	102.15	107.45

INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT

18 and over, or under 18 with dependants		
100%	150.30	158.10
90%	135.27	142.29
80%	120.24	126.48
70%	105.21	110.67
60%	90.18	94.86
50%	75.15	79.05
40%	60.12	63.24
30%	45.09	47.43
20%	30.06	31.62
Under 18		
100%	92.10	96.90
90%	82.89	87.21
80%	73.68	77.52
70%	64.47	67.83
60%	55.26	58.14
50%	46.05	48.45
40%	36.84	38.76
30%	27.63	29.07
20%	18.42	19.38
Maximum life gratuity (lump sum)	9980.00	10500.00
Unemployability Supplement	92.90	97.75
increase for early incapacity		
higher rate	19.25	20.25
middle rate	12.40	13.00
lower rate	6.20	6.50
Maximum reduced earnings allowance	60.12	63.24

Maximum retirement allowance	15.03	15.81
Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	120.40	126.60
intermediate rate	90.30	94.95
normal maximum rate	60.20	63.30
part-time rate	30.10	31.65
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	60.20	63.30

JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Contribution based JSA - Personal rates		
under 25	53.45	56.25
25 or over	67.50	71.00
Income-based JSA - personal allowances		
under 25	53.45	56.25
25 or over	67.50	71.00
lone parent		
under 18	53.45	56.25
18 or over	67.50	71.00
couple		
both under 18	53.45	56.25
both under 18 - higher rate	80.75	84.95
one under 18, one under 25	53.45	56.25
one under 18, one 25 and over	67.50	71.00
both 18 or over	105.95	111.45
dependent children	62.33	64.99
Premiums		
family / lone parent	17.40	17.40
pensioner		
single	69.85	71.70
couple	103.75	106.45
disability		
single	28.85	30.35
couple	41.10	43.25
enhanced disability		
single	14.05	14.80
disabled child	21.63	22.89
couple	20.25	21.30
severe disability		
single	55.30	58.20
couple (lower rate)	55.30	58.20

couple (higher rate)	110.60	116.40
disabled child	53.62	56.63
carer	31.00	32.60
Prescribed sum for strikers	36.00	38.00

MATERNITY ALLOWANCE

Standard rate	128.73	135.45
MA threshold	30.00	30.00

PENSION CREDIT

Standard minimum guarantee		
single	137.35	142.70
couple	209.70	217.90
Additional amount for severe disability		
single	55.30	58.20
couple (one qualifies)	55.30	58.20
couple (both qualify)	110.60	116.40
Additional amount for carers	31.00	32.60
Savings credit		
threshold - single	103.15	111.80
threshold - couple	164.55	178.35
maximum - single	20.52	18.54
maximum - couple	27.09	23.73
Amount for claimant and first spouse in polygamous marriage	209.70	217.90
Additional amount for additional spouse	72.35	75.20
Non-State Pensions (for Pension Credit purposes)		
Statutory minimum increase to non-state pensions	Increase by:	5.20%

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

Total disablement allowance and major incapacity allowance (maximum)	150.30	158.10
Partial disablement allowance	55.55	58.45
Unemployability supplement	92.90	97.75
increases for early incapacity -		
higher rate	19.25	20.25
middle rate	12.40	13.00
lower rate	6.20	6.50
Constant attendance allowance		

exceptional rate	120.40	126.60
intermediate rate	90.30	94.95
normal maximum rate	60.20	63.30
part-time rate	30.10	31.65
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	60.20	63.30
Lesser incapacity allowance		
maximum rate of allowance	55.55	58.45
based on loss of earnings over	73.60	77.45

SEVERE DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE

Basic rate	62.95	69.00
Age-related addition (from Dec 90)		
Higher rate	13.80	11.70
Middle rate	7.10	5.90
Lower rate	5.60	5.90

STATE PENSION

Category A or B	102.15	107.45
Category B(lower) - spouse or civil partner's insurance	61.20	64.40
Category C or D - non-contributory	61.20	64.40

Additional pension	Increase by:	5.20%
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Increments to:-

Basic pension	Increase by:	5.20%
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Additional pension	Increase by:	5.20%
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Graduated Retirement Benefit (GRB)	Increase by:	5.20%
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Inheritable lump sum	Increase by:	5.20%
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Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of pre-April 1988 contracted-out earnings	Nil	Nil
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Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of contracted-out earnings from April 1988 to 1997	Increase by:	3.00%
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Graduated Retirement Benefit (unit)	0.1189	0.1251
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Increase of long term incapacity for age	Increase by:	5.20%
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Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
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Increase of Long-term incapacity for age		
higher rate	19.25	20.25
lower rate	9.65	10.15

Invalidity Allowance (Transitional) for State Pension recipients		
higher rate	19.25	20.25
middle rate	12.40	13.00
lower rate	6.20	6.50

STATUTORY ADOPTION PAY

Earnings threshold	102.00	107.00
Standard Rate	128.73	135.45

STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	102.00	107.00
Standard rate	128.73	135.45

STATUTORY PATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	102.00	107.00
Standard Rate	128.73	135.45

ADDITIONAL STATUTORY PATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	102.00	107.00
Standard Rate	128.73	135.45

STATUTORY SICK PAY

Earnings threshold	102.00	107.00
Standard rate	81.60	85.85

WIDOW'S BENEFIT

Widowed mother's allowance	100.70	105.95
Widow's pension		
standard rate	100.70	105.95
age-related		
age 54 (49)	93.65	98.53
53 (48)	86.60	91.12
52 (47)	79.55	83.70
51 (46)	72.50	76.28
50 (45)	65.46	68.87
49 (44)	58.41	61.45
48 (43)	51.36	54.03
47 (42)	44.31	46.62

46 (41)
45 (40)

37.26 39.20
30.21 31.79

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