

Benefits Uprating

A full list of all the increases announced today and the proposed rates for 2008/09 is shown below.

(Weekly rates unless otherwise shown)	RATES 2008	RATES 2009
ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE		
higher rate	67.00	70.35
lower rate	44.85	47.10
CARER'S ALLOWANCE		
	50.55	53.10
COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT		
Personal allowances		
single		
18 to 24	47.95	50.95
25 or over	60.50	64.30
entitled to main phase ESA	60.50	64.30
lone parent		
	60.50	64.30
couple		
	94.95	100.95
dependent children		
	52.59	56.11
pensioner		
single / lone parent - 60 - 64	124.05	130.00
couple - one or both 60 - 64	189.35	198.45
single / lone parent - 65 and over	143.80	150.40
couple - one or both 65 and over	215.50	225.50
Premiums		
family		
	16.75	17.30
family (lone parent rate)		
	22.20	22.20
child under 1		
	10.50	10.50
disability		
single	25.85	27.50
couple	36.85	39.15
enhanced disability		
single	12.60	13.40
disabled child	19.60	20.65
couple	18.15	19.30
severe disability		
single	50.35	52.85
couple (lower rate)	50.35	52.85
couple (higher rate)	100.70	105.70
disabled child		
	48.72	51.24

carer	27.75	29.50
ESA components		
work-related activity	24.00	25.50
support	29.00	30.85
Alternative maximum Council Tax Benefit		
second adult getting 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 and HB/CTB		
guarantee credit	No limit	No limit
amount disregarded	6000.00	6000.00
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 claimant or partner is aged 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 rent rebates and allowances 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 and 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	15.45	21.55
hot water	1.80	2.50
lighting	1.25	1.75
cooking	1.80	2.50
Amount ineligible for meals		
three or more meals a day		
single claimant	21.60	22.95
each person in family aged 16 or over	21.60	22.95
each child under 16	10.90	11.60
less than three meals a day		
single claimant	14.35	15.25
each person in family aged 16 or over	14.35	15.25
each child under 16	7.20	7.65
breakfast only - claimant and each member of the family	2.65	2.80
Amount for personal expenses (not HB/CTB)	21.15	21.90
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.	3.05	3.25
child support, contribution towards maintenance (CTM)		
standard deduction	6.10	6.50
lower deduction	3.05	3.25
arrears of Community Charge		
court order against claimant	3.05	3.25
court order against couple	4.75	5.05
fine or compensation order		
standard rate	5.00	5.00
lower rate	3.05	3.25
Maximum deduction rates for recovery of overpayments (not CTB/JSA(C)/ESA(C))		
ordinary overpayments	9.15	9.75

where claimant convicted of fraud	12.00	12.80
Deductions from JSA(C) and ESA(C)		
Arrears of Comm. Charge, Council Tax, fines & overpayment recovery		
Age 16 - 24	15.98	16.98
Age 25 +	20.16	21.43
Maximum deduction for arrears of Child Maintenance (CTM)		
Age 16 - 24	15.98	16.98
Age 25 +	20.16	21.43

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

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	16.05	16.85
income from subtenants	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	20.00	20.00

DEPENDENCY INCREASES

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

State Pension on own insurance.	54.35	57.05
Long-term Incapacity Benefit and Unemployability Supplement.	50.55	53.10
Severe Disablement Allowance.	30.40	31.90
Carers Allowance.	30.20	31.70
short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age).	48.65	51.10
Maternity Allowance and short-term Incapacity Benefit.	39.40	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

Note - 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.

DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE

Care Component		
Highest	67.00	70.35
Middle	44.85	47.10
Lowest	17.75	18.65
Mobility Component		
Higher	46.75	49.10
Lower	17.75	18.65

EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE

Personal Allowances		
under 25	47.95	50.95
25 or over	60.50	64.30
lone parent		
under 18	47.95	50.95
18 or over	60.50	64.30
couple		
both under 18	47.95	50.95
both under 18 with child	72.35	76.90
both under 18 (main phase)	60.50	64.30
both under 18 with child (main phase)	94.95	100.95
one 18 or over, one under 18	94.95	100.95
both over 18	94.95	100.95

(a) is living with claimant	60.50	64.30
(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.	54.35	57.05
Long-term incapacity benefit and unemployability supplement.	50.55	53.10
Severe disablement allowance.	30.40	31.90
Carers allowance	30.20	31.70
Earnings level at which child dependency increases are affected		
for first child	185.00	195.00
additional amount for each subsequent child	25.00	26.00
Pension income threshold for incapacity benefit	85.00	85.00
HOUSING BENEFIT		
Personal allowances		
single		
16 to 24	47.95	50.95
25 or over	60.50	64.30
entitled to main phase ESA	60.50	64.30
lone parent		
under 18	47.95	50.95
18 or over	60.50	64.30
entitled to main phase ESA	60.50	64.30
couple		
both under 18	72.35	76.90
one or both 18 or over	94.95	100.95
claimant entitled to main phase ESA	94.95	100.95
dependent children	52.59	56.11
pensioner		
single/lone parent - 60 - 64	124.05	130.00
couple - one or both 60 - 64	189.35	198.45
single / lone parent - 65 and over	143.80	150.40
couple - one or both 65 and over	215.50	225.50
Premiums		
family	16.75	17.30
family (lone parent rate)	22.20	22.20
child under 1	10.50	10.50
disability		

single	25.85	27.50
couple	36.85	39.15
enhanced disability		
single	12.60	13.40
disabled child	19.60	20.65
couple	18.15	19.30
severe disability		
single	50.35	52.85
couple (lower rate)	50.35	52.85
couple (higher rate)	100.70	105.70
disabled child	48.72	51.24
carer	27.75	29.50
ESA components		
work-related activity	24.00	25.50
support	29.00	30.85
INCAPACITY BENEFIT		
Long-term Incapacity Benefit	84.50	89.80
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (under state pension age)		
lower rate	63.75	67.75
higher rate	75.40	80.15
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)		
lower rate	81.10	86.20
higher rate	84.50	89.80
Increase of Long-term Incapacity Benefit for age		
higher rate	17.75	15.65
lower rate	8.90	6.55
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional)		
higher rate	17.75	15.65
middle rate	11.40	9.10
lower rate	5.70	5.35
INCOME SUPPORT		
Personal Allowances		
single		
under 25	47.95	50.95
25 or over	60.50	64.30
lone parent		
under 18	47.95	50.95
18 or over	60.50	64.30

couple		
both under 18	47.95	50.95
both under 18 - higher rate	72.35	76.90
one under 18, one under 25	47.95	50.95
one under 18, one 25 and over	60.50	64.30
both 18 or over	94.95	100.95
dependent children	52.59	56.11
Premiums		
family / lone parent	16.75	17.30
pensioner (applies to couples only)	94.40	97.50
disability		
single	25.85	27.50
couple	36.85	39.15
enhanced disability		
single	12.60	13.40
disabled child	19.60	20.65
couple	18.15	19.30
severe disability		
single	50.35	52.85
couple (lower rate)	50.35	52.85
couple (higher rate)	100.70	105.70
disabled child	48.72	51.24
carer	27.75	29.50
Relevant sum for strikers	32.50	34.50
INDUSTRIAL DEATH BENEFIT		
Widow's pension		
higher rate	90.70	95.25
lower rate	27.21	28.58
Widower's pension	90.70	95.25
INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT		
18 and over, or under 18 with dependants		
100%	136.80	143.60
90%	123.12	129.24
80%	109.44	114.88
70%	95.76	100.52
60%	82.08	86.16
50%	68.40	71.80
40%	54.72	57.44
30%	41.04	43.08
20%	27.36	28.72

Under 18		
100%	83.85	88.05
90%	75.47	79.25
80%	67.08	70.44
70%	58.70	61.64
60%	50.31	52.83
50%	41.93	44.03
40%	33.54	35.22
30%	25.16	26.42
20%	16.77	17.61
Maximum life gratuity (lump sum)	9090.00	9540.00
Unemployability Supplement	84.50	88.75
increase for early incapacity		
higher rate	17.75	18.65
middle rate	11.40	12.00
lower rate	5.70	6.00
Maximum reduced earnings allowance	54.72	57.44
Maximum retirement allowance	13.68	14.36
Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	109.60	115.00
intermediate rate	82.20	86.25
normal maximum rate	54.80	57.50
part-time rate	27.40	28.75
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	54.80	57.50

JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Contribution based JSA - Personal rates		
under 25	47.95	50.95
25 or over	60.50	64.30
Income-based JSA - personal allowances		
under 25	47.95	50.95
25 or over	60.50	64.30
lone parent		
under 18	47.95	50.95
18 or over	60.50	64.30
couple		
both under 18	47.95	50.95
both under 18 - higher rate	72.35	76.90
one under 18, one under 25	47.95	50.95
one under 18, one 25 and over	60.50	64.30
both 18 or over	94.95	100.95

dependent children	52.59	56.11
Premiums		
family / lone parent	16.75	17.30
pensioner		
single	63.55	65.70
couple	94.40	97.50
disability		
single	25.85	27.50
couple	36.85	39.15
enhanced disability		
single	12.60	13.40
disabled child	19.60	20.65
couple	18.15	19.30
severe disability		
single	50.35	52.85
couple (lower rate)	50.35	52.85
couple (higher rate)	100.70	105.70
disabled child	48.72	51.24
carer	27.75	29.50
Prescribed sum for strikers	32.50	34.50
MATERNITY ALLOWANCE		
Standard rate	117.18	123.06
MA threshold	30.00	30.00
PENSION CREDIT		
Standard minimum guarantee		
single	124.05	130.00
couple	189.35	198.45
Additional amount for severe disability		
single	50.35	52.85
couple (one qualifies)	50.35	52.85
couple (both qualify)	100.70	105.70
Additional amount for carers	27.75	29.50
Savings credit		
threshold - single	91.20	96.00
threshold - couple	145.80	153.40
maximum - single	19.71	20.40
maximum - couple	26.13	27.03

Amount for claimant and first spouse in polygamous marriage	189.35	198.45
Additional amount for additional spouse	65.30	68.45

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

Total disablement allowance and major incapacity allowance (maximum)	136.80	143.60
Partial disablement allowance	50.55	53.10
Unemployability supplement	84.50	88.75
increases for early incapacity -		
higher rate	17.75	18.65
middle rate	11.40	12.00
lower rate	5.70	6.00
Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	109.60	115.00
intermediate rate	82.20	86.25
normal maximum rate	54.80	57.50
part-time rate	27.40	28.75
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	54.80	57.50
Lesser incapacity allowance		
maximum rate of allowance	50.55	53.10
based on loss of earnings over	67.00	70.35

STATE PENSION

Category A or B	90.70	95.25
Category B(lower) - husband's insurance	54.35	57.05
Category C or D - non-contributory	54.35	57.05
Category C(lower) - non-contributory	32.50	34.15
Additional pension	Increase by:	5.0%
Increments to:-		
Basic pension	Increase by:	5.0%
Additional pension	Increase by:	5.0%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (GRB)	Increase by:	5.0%
Inheritable lump sum	Increase by:	5.0%
Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of pre-April 1988 contracted-out earnings		Nil
Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of contracted-out earnings from April 1988 to 1997	Increase by:	3.0%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (unit)	0.1098	0.1153
Graduated Retirement Benefit (Inherited)	Increase by:	5.0%

Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
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SEVERE DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE

Basic rate	51.05	57.45
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Age-related addition (from Dec 90)

Higher rate	17.75	15.65
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Middle rate	11.40	9.10
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Lower rate	5.70	5.35
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STATUTORY ADOPTION PAY

Earnings threshold	90.00	95.00
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Standard Rate	117.18	123.06
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STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	90.00	95.00
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Standard rate	117.18	123.06
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STATUTORY PATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	90.00	95.00
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Standard Rate	117.18	123.06
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STATUTORY SICK PAY

Earnings threshold	90.00	95.00
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Standard rate	75.40	79.15
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WIDOW'S BENEFIT

Widowed mother's allowance	90.70	95.25
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Widow's pension

standard rate	90.70	95.25
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age-related

age 54 (49)	84.35	88.58
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53 (48)	78.00	81.92
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52 (47)	71.65	75.25
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51 (46)	65.30	68.58
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50 (45)	58.96	61.91
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49 (44)	52.61	55.25
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48 (43)	46.26	48.58
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47 (42)	39.91	41.91
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46 (41)	33.56	35.24
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45 (40)	27.21	28.58
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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	90.70	95.25
Bereavement Allowance standard rate	90.70	95.25
age-related age 54	84.35	88.58
53	78.00	81.92
52	71.65	75.25
51	65.30	68.58
50	58.96	61.91
49	52.61	55.25
48	46.26	48.58
47	39.91	41.91
46	33.56	35.24
45	27.21	28.58