

Schedule of proposed benefit rates from April 2013

(Weekly rates unless otherwise shown)	RATES 2012	RATES 2013
ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE		
higher rate	77.45	79.15
lower rate	51.85	53.00
BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT		
Bereavement payment (lump sum)	2000.00	2000.00
Widowed parent's allowance	105.95	108.30
Bereavement Allowance		
standard rate	105.95	108.30
age-related		
age 54	98.53	100.72
53	91.12	93.14
52	83.70	85.56
51	76.28	77.98
50	68.87	70.40
49	61.45	62.81
48	54.03	55.23
47	46.62	47.65
46	39.20	40.07
45	31.79	32.49
CAPITAL LIMITS - rules common to Income Support, income based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit, and Housing 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 for those above the qualifying age for Guarantee Credit	6000.00	6000.00
Amount disregarded - Pension Credit and Housing 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
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	58.45	59.75
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DEDUCTIONS - rules common to Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit and Housing 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	11.45	13.60
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aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		
- gross income: less than £124.00	11.45	13.60
- gross income: £124 to £182.99	26.25	31.25
- gross income: £183 to £237.99	36.10	42.90
- gross income: £238 to £315.99	59.05	70.20
- gross income: £316 to £393.99	67.25	79.95
- gross income: £394 and above	73.85	87.75

Deductions from housing benefit

Service charges for fuel

heating	25.50	25.60
hot water	2.95	2.95
lighting	2.05	2.05
cooking	2.95	2.95

Amount ineligible for meals

three or more meals a day		
single claimant	25.30	25.85
each person in family aged 16 or over	25.30	25.85
each child under 16	12.80	13.10
less than three meals a day		
single claimant	16.85	17.20
each person in family aged 16 or over	16.85	17.20
each child under 16	8.45	8.65
breakfast only - claimant and each member of the family	3.10	3.15

Amount for personal expenses (not HB/CTB)	23.25	23.50
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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.	3.55	3.60
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child support, contribution towards maintenance (CTM)

standard deduction	7.10	7.20
lower deduction	3.55	3.60

arrears of Community Charge

court order against claimant	3.55	3.60
court order against couple	5.60	5.65

fine or compensation order

standard rate	5.00	5.00
lower rate	3.55	3.60
Maximum deduction rates for recovery of overpayments (not CTB/JSA(C)/ESA(C))		
ordinary overpayments	10.65	10.80
where claimant convicted of fraud	17.75	18.00
Deductions from JSA(C) and ESA (C)		
Arrears of Comm. Charge, Council Tax, fines & overpayment recovery		
Age 16 - 24	18.75	18.93
Age 25 +	23.66	23.90
Max. dedn for arrears of Child Maintenance (CTM)		
Age 16 - 24	18.75	18.93
Age 25 +	23.66	23.90

DEPENDENCY INCREASES

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

State Pension on own insurance (Cat A or B)	61.85	63.20
long term Incapacity Benefit	57.60	58.85
Severe Disablement Allowance	34.60	35.35
Carers Allowance	34.40	35.15
short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)	55.45	56.65
short-term Incapacity Benefit (under State Pension age)	44.85	45.85
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.

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DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE

Care Component		
Highest	77.45	79.15
Middle	51.85	53.00
Lowest	20.55	21.00
Mobility Component		
Higher	54.05	55.25
Lower	20.55	21.00

DISREGARDS

Housing 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	97.50	99.50
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	97.50	99.50
Permitted work earnings limit - higher	97.50	99.50
- lower	20.00	20.00
Industrial injuries unemployability supplement permitted earnings level (annual amount)	5070.00	5174.00

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

short-term incap.benefit where claimant is (a) under state pension age	44.85	45.85
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(b) over state pension age	55.45	56.65
state pension, long term incapacity benefit, severe disablement allowance, unemployability supplement - payable when dependant		
(a) is living with claimant	71.00	71.70
(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,	61.85	63.20
long-term incapacity benefit,	57.60	58.85
unemployability supplement,	58.45	59.75
severe disablement allowance	34.60	35.35
Carers allowance	34.40	35.15
Earnings level at which child dependency increases are affected		
for first child	215.00	220.00
additional amount for each subsequent child	28.00	29.00
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	56.25	56.80
25 or over	71.00	71.70
lone parent		
under 18	56.25	56.80
18 or over	71.00	71.70
couple		
both under 18	56.25	56.80
both under 18 with child	84.95	85.80
both under 18 (main phase)	71.00	71.70
both under 18 with child (main phase)	111.45	112.55
one 18 or over, one under 18 (certain conditions apply)	111.45	112.55
both over 18	111.45	112.55
claimant under 25, partner under 18	56.25	56.80
claimant 25 or over, partner under 18	71.00	71.70
claimant (main phase), partner under 18	71.00	71.70
Premiums		
enhanced disability		
single	14.80	15.15
couple	21.30	21.75
severe disability		

single	58.20	59.50
couple (lower rate)	58.20	59.50
couple (higher rate)	116.40	119.00
carer	32.60	33.30
pensioner		
single with WRAC	43.55	45.25
single with support component	37.65	38.90
single with no component	71.70	73.70
couple with WRAC	78.30	81.05
couple with support component	72.40	74.70
couple with no component	106.45	109.50

Components

Work-related Activity	28.15	28.45
Support	34.05	34.80

HOUSING BENEFIT

Personal allowances

single		
under 25	56.25	56.80
25 or over	71.00	71.70
entitled to main phase ESA	71.00	71.70
lone parent		
under 18	56.25	56.80
18 or over	71.00	71.70
entitled to main phase ESA	71.00	71.70
couple		
both under 18	84.95	85.80
one or both 18 or over	111.45	112.55
claimant entitled to main phase ESA	111.45	112.55
dependent children	64.99	65.62
pensioner		
single/lone parent has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but under 65.	142.70	145.40
couple – one or both has attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit but both under 65	217.90	222.05
single / lone parent - 65 and over	161.25	163.50
couple - one or both 65 and over	241.65	244.95

Premiums

family	17.40	17.40
family (lone parent rate)	22.20	22.20

disability		
single	30.35	31.00

couple	43.25	44.20
enhanced disability		
single	14.80	15.15
disabled child	22.89	23.45
	couple	21.75
severe disability		
single	58.20	59.50
couple (lower rate)	58.20	59.50
couple (higher rate)	116.40	119.00
disabled child	56.63	57.89
carer	32.60	33.30
ESA components		
work-related activity	28.15	28.45
support	34.05	34.80

INCAPACITY BENEFIT

Long-term Incapacity Benefit	99.15	101.35
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (under state pension age)		
lower rate	74.80	76.45
higher rate	88.55	90.50
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)		
lower rate	95.15	97.25
higher rate	99.15	101.35
Increase of Long-term Incapacity Benefit for age		
higher rate	11.70	10.70
lower rate	5.90	6.00
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional)		
higher rate	11.70	10.70
middle rate	5.90	6.00
lower rate	5.90	6.00

INCOME SUPPORT

Personal Allowances		
single		
under 25	56.25	56.80
25 or over	71.00	71.70
lone parent		
under 18	56.25	56.80
18 or over	71.00	71.70
couple		
both under 18	56.25	56.80
both under 18 - higher rate	84.95	85.80

one under 18, one under 25	56.25	56.80
one under 18, one 25 and over	71.00	71.70
both 18 or over	111.45	112.55
dependent children	64.99	65.62
Premiums		
family / lone parent	17.40	17.40
pensioner (applies to couples only)	106.45	109.50
disability		
single	30.35	31.00
couple	43.25	44.20
enhanced disability		
single	14.80	15.15
disabled child	22.89	23.45
couple	21.30	21.75
severe disability		
single	58.20	59.50
couple (lower rate)	58.20	59.50
couple (higher rate)	116.40	119.00
disabled child	56.63	57.89
carer	32.60	33.30
Relevant sum for strikers	38.00	39.00

INDUSTRIAL DEATH BENEFIT

Widow's pension		
higher rate	107.45	110.15
lower rate	32.24	33.05
Widower's pension	107.45	110.15

INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT

Standard rate		
100%	158.10	161.60
90%	142.29	145.44
80%	126.48	129.28
70%	110.67	113.12
60%	94.86	96.96
50%	79.05	80.80
40%	63.24	64.64
30%	47.43	48.48
20%	31.62	32.32
Maximum life gratuity (lump sum)	10500.00	10730.00
Unemployability Supplement	97.75	99.90

increase for early incapacity		
higher rate	20.25	20.70
middle rate	13.00	13.30
lower rate	6.50	6.65
Maximum reduced earnings allowance	63.24	64.64
Maximum retirement allowance	15.81	16.16
Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	126.60	129.40
intermediate rate	94.95	97.05
normal maximum rate	63.30	64.70
part-time rate	31.65	32.35
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	63.30	64.70

JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Contribution based JSA - Personal rates		
under 25	56.25	56.80
25 or over	71.00	71.70
Income-based JSA - personal allowances		
under 25	56.25	56.80
25 or over	71.00	71.70
lone parent		
under 18	56.25	56.80
18 or over	71.00	71.70
couple		
both under 18	56.25	56.80
both under 18 - higher rate	84.95	85.80
one under 18, one under 25	56.25	56.80
one under 18, one 25 and over	71.00	71.70
both 18 or over	111.45	112.55
dependent children	64.99	65.62
Premiums		
family / lone parent	17.40	17.40
pensioner		
single	71.70	73.70
couple	106.45	109.50
disability		
single	30.35	31.00
couple	43.25	44.20
enhanced disability		
single	14.80	15.15
disabled child	22.89	23.45

couple	21.30	21.75
severe disability		
single	58.20	59.50
couple (lower rate)	58.20	59.50
couple (higher rate)	116.40	119.00
disabled child	56.63	57.89
carer	32.60	33.30
Prescribed sum for strikers	38.00	39.00

MATERNITY ALLOWANCE

Standard rate	135.45	136.78
MA threshold	30.00	30.00

PENSION CREDIT

Standard minimum guarantee		
single	142.70	145.40
couple	217.90	222.05
Additional amount for severe disability		
single	58.20	59.50
couple (one qualifies)	58.20	59.50
couple (both qualify)	116.40	119.00
Additional amount for carers	32.60	33.30
Savings credit		
threshold - single	111.80	115.30
threshold - couple	178.35	183.90
maximum - single	18.54	18.06
maximum - couple	23.73	22.89
Amount for claimant and first spouse in polygamous marriage	217.90	222.05
Additional amount for additional spouse	75.20	76.65
Non-State Pensions (for Pension Credit purposes)		
Statutory minimum increase to non-state pensions	Increase by	2.20%

SEVERE DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE

Basic rate	69.00	71.80
Age-related addition (from Dec 90)		
Higher rate	11.70	10.70
Middle rate	5.90	6.00
Lower rate	5.90	6.00

STATE PENSION

Category A or B	107.45	110.15
Category B(lower) - spouse or civil partner's insurance	64.40	66.00
Category C or D - non-contributory	64.40	66.00
Additional pension	Increase by	2.20%
Increments to:-		
Basic pension	Increase by	2.20%
Additional pension	Increase by	2.20%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (GRB)	Increase by	2.20%
Inheritable lump sum	Increase by	2.20%
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	2.20%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (unit)	0.1251	0.1279
Increase of long term incapacity for age	Increase by	2.20%
Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
Increase of Long-term incapacity for age		
higher rate	20.25	20.70
lower rate	10.15	10.35
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional) for State Pension recipients		
higher rate	20.25	20.70
middle rate	13.00	13.30
lower rate	6.50	6.65

STATUTORY ADOPTION PAY

Earnings threshold	107.00	109.00
Standard Rate	135.45	136.78

STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	107.00	109.00
Standard rate	135.45	136.78

STATUTORY PATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	107.00	109.00
Standard Rate	135.45	136.78
Additional statutory paternity pay	135.45	136.78

STATUTORY SICK PAY

Earnings threshold	107.00	109.00
Standard rate	85.85	86.70

WIDOW'S BENEFIT

Widowed mother's allowance	105.95	108.30
Widow's pension		
standard rate	105.95	108.30
age-related		
age 54 (49)	98.53	100.72
53 (48)	91.12	93.14
52 (47)	83.70	85.56
51 (46)	76.28	77.98
50 (45)	68.87	70.40
49 (44)	61.45	62.81
48 (43)	54.03	55.23
47 (42)	46.62	47.65
46 (41)	39.20	40.07
45 (40)	31.79	32.49

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