benefit and tax credit rates • 2015/2016

means tested

Income Support & income-based JSA

Personal allowances

Single – under 25	57.90
– 25+	73.10
Lone parent – under 18	57.90
– 18+	73.10
Couple – both under 18	57.90 / 87.50
– one under 18	57.90 / 73.10 / 114.85
– both aged 18+	114.85
Dependent children	66.90

Premiums

Carer	34.60
Disability – single	32.25
– couple	45.95
Disabled child	60.06
Enhanced disability – single person/lone parent	15.75
– couple	22.60
– child	24.43
Family	17.45
Pensioner – single (JSA only)	78.10
– couple	116.00
Severe disability – per qualifying person	61.85

Employment and Support Allowance

Basic allowance[a] – single/lone parent	73.10
– couple	73.10 / 114.85
Work-related activity component	29.05
Support component	36.20

Carer, enhanced disability, pensioner[b] & severe disability premiums paid at same rate as Income Support/JSA

Pension Credit

Minimum guarantee

Single	151.20
Couple	230.85

Additional amounts

Severe disability (per qualifying person)	61.85
Carer	34.60

Savings Credit

Threshold – single	126.50
– couple	201.80
Maximum – single	14.82
– couple	17.43

Universal Credit [c]

Standard allowances

Single – under 25	251.77
– 25+	317.82
Couple – both under 25	395.20
– one or both aged 25+	498.89

Child elements

Only/eldest child	277.08
Other children	231.67

Disabled child elements

Lower rate	126.11
Higher rate	367.92

Limited capability elements

For work	126.11
For work and work–related activity	315.60

Carer element 150.39

Childcare costs elements (maximum)

1 child	532.29
2+ children	912.50

Housing Benefit[d]

Personal Allowances

Single person/lone parent – aged 65+	166.05
Couple – both under 18	87.50
– one under 18	114.85
– one or both aged 65+	248.30

Premiums

Family – lone parent rate	22.20

Working Tax Credit[e]

Basic element	1,960.00
Couple/lone parent	2,010.00
30 hours element	810.00
Disability element	2,970.00
Severe disability element	1,275.00
Childcare costs (70% of up to)	
1 child (weekly rate)	175.00
2+ children (weekly rate)	300.00

Child Tax Credit[e]

Family element	545.00
Child element	2,780.00
Disabled child	3,140.00
Severely disabled child	1,275.00

non means tested

Attendance Allowance

Lower rate	55.10
Higher rate	82.30

Bereavement Benefits

Bereavement Allowance	
aged 45–54	33.77–104.67
standard rate	112.55
Widowed Parent's Allowance	112.55
child dependant	11.35 [f]

Carer's Allowance 62.10

Adult dependant	36.55
Child dependant	11.35 [f]

Child Benefit

Only/eldest child	20.70
Other children	13.70

Disability Living Allowance

Care component	lower rate	21.80
	middle rate	55.10
	higher rate	82.30
Mobility component	lower rate	21.80
	higher rate	57.45

Employment and Support Allowance

Basic allowance[a]	73.10
Work-related activity component	29.05
Support component	36.20

Guardian's Allowance 16.55

Incapacity Benefit

Long term		105.35
age addition	under 35	11.15
	aged 35–44	6.20
adult dependant		61.20
child dependant		11.35 [f]

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

Standard rate 33.60–168.00

Jobseeker's Allowance

Under 25	57.90
25+	73.10

Maternity Allowance

Standard rate 139.58

Personal Independence Payment

Daily living component	standard rate	55.10
	enhanced rate	82.30
Mobility component	standard rate	21.80
	enhanced rate	57.45

Retirement Pension

Cat A	115.95
Cat B late spouse's or civil partner's NI	115.95
Cat B spouse's or civil partner's NI	69.50
Cat D non contributory, aged 80 or over	69.50
Age addition (aged 80 or over)	0.25
Adult dependant (with Cat A)	65.70
Child dependant (with Cat A and B)	11.35 [f]

Severe Disablement Allowance 74.65

Age addition	aged under 40	11.15
	aged 40–49	6.20
	aged 50–59	6.20
Adult dependant		36.75
Child dependant		11.35 [f]

Statutory Adoption, Maternity, Paternity and Shared Parental Pay 139.58

Statutory Sick Pay 88.45

(a) Paid at a reduced rate to certain claimants during 13 week assessment phase.

(b) Reduced where claimant entitled to ESA component.

(c) Monthly amounts. Universal Credit benefit cap applied at £2,167 for couples and lone parents; and £1,517 for single people.

(d) Where different to Income Support, income-based JSA, ESA or Pension Credit. Housing Benefit cap applied at £500/week for couples and lone parents; and £350/week for single people.

(e) Annual amounts. First threshold £6,420 (£16,105 if not entitled to WTC).

(f) Reduced for an eldest/only child where CB is payable.

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