

Benefit rates

From April 2009 new rates of benefits and tax credits come into effect. Most of the new rates are effective from week commencing 6th April 2009.

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Attendance Allowance

Rate	2008/2009	2009/2010
Higher	67.00	70.35
Lower	44.85	47.10

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Bereavement Allowance

Rate	2008/2009	2009/2010
Standard	90.70	95.25

Age related	2008/2009	2009/2010
age 54	84.35	88.58
age 53	78.00	81.92
age 52	71.65	75.25
age 51	65.30	68.58
age 50	58.96	61.91
age 49	52.61	55.25
age 48	46.26	48.58
age 47	39.91	41.91
age 46	33.56	35.24
age 45	27.21	28.58

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Bereavement Payment

	2008/2009	2009/2010
Lump sum	2000.00	2000.00

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Carer's Allowance

Type	2008/2009	2009/2010
Carer's Allowance	50.55	53.10
Carer's Allowance - adult dependant	30.20	31.70

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Child Benefit

Child Benefit is administered by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. Full details can be obtained by visiting <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/childbenefit/index.htm> 

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Child Dependency increases

	2008/2009	2009/2010
Benefits		
State pension, widowed mothers allowance, widowed parents allowance, short-term incapacity benefit at the higher rate & long term incapacity benefit, carers allowance, severe disablement allowance, higher rate industrial death benefit, unemployability supplement and short-term incapacity benefit if beneficiary over pension age.	11.35	11.35

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Constant Attendance Allowance

Rate	2008/2009	2009/2010
For people receiving 100% disablement pension		
Exceptional rate	109.60	115.00
Intermediate rate	82.20	86.25
Normal maximum	54.80	57.50
Part-time rate	27.40	28.75

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Disability Living Allowance

Rate	2008/2009	2009/2010
Care component - high rate	67.00	70.35
Care component - middle rate	44.85	47.10
Care component - low rate	17.75	18.65
Mobility component - high rate	46.75	49.10
Mobility component - low rate	17.75	18.65

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Employment and Support Allowance

	2008/2009	2009/2010
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 a child	72.35	76.90
both under 18 (main phase)	60.50	64.30
both under 18 with a 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
claimant under 25, partner under 18	47.95	50.95
claimant 25 or over, partner under 18	60.50	64.30
claimant (main phase), partner under 18	60.50	64.30
Premiums		
enhanced disability - single	12.60	13.40
enhanced disability - couple	18.15	19.30
severe disability - single	50.35	52.85
severe disability - couple (lower rate)	50.35	52.85
severe disability - couple (higher rate)	100.70	105.70
carer	27.75	29.50
pensioner - single with WRAC	39.55	40.20
pensioner - single with support component	34.55	34.85
pensioner - single with no component	63.55	65.70
pensioner - couple with WRAC	70.40	72.00
pensioner - couple with support component	65.40	66.65
pensioner - couple with no component	94.40	97.50
Components		
Work-related Activity	24.00	25.50
Support	29.00	30.85

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Housing Benefit - Personal Allowances

Personal allowances	2008/2009	2009/2010
Single - aged less than 25	47.95	50.95
Single - aged over 25	60.50	64.30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> entitled to main phase ESA 	60.50	64.30
Lone parent - aged less than 18	47.95	50.95
Lone parent - aged over 18	60.50	64.30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> entitled to main phase ESA 	60.50	64.30
Couple - both aged less than 18	72.35	76.90
Couple - at least one aged more than 18	94.95	100.95
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Pensioner - couple - one or both - 60-64	189.35	198.45
Pensioner - single/lone parent - 65 and over	143.80	150.40
Pensioner - couple - one or both 65 and over	215.50	225.50

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Housing Benefit - Premiums

Premiums	2008/2009	2009/2010
Family premium	16.75	17.30
Family (lone parent rate)	22.20	22.20
Child under 1	10.50	10.50
Pensioner premium - single	59.90	63.55
Pensioner premium - couple	88.90	94.40
Pensioner premium (enhanced) - single	59.90	63.55
Pensioner premium (enhanced) - couple	88.90	94.40
Pensioner premium (higher) - single	59.90	63.55
Pensioner premium (higher) - couple	88.90	94.40
Disability Premium - single	25.85	27.50
Disability Premium - couple	36.85	39.15
Enhanced Disability Premium - couple	18.15	19.30
Enhanced Disability Premium - single / lone parent	12.60	13.40
Enhanced Disability Premium - child	19.60	20.65
Severe Disability Premium - single	50.35	52.85

Severe Disability Premium - couple (one qualifies)	50.35	52.85
Severe Disability Premium - couple (both qualify)	100.70	105.70
Disabled Child Premiums	48.72	51.24
Carer Premium	27.75	29.50
ESA Components		
• work-related activity	24.00	25.50
• support	29.00	30.85

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Housing Benefit non dependant deductions - rent

Rent - thresholds 2009	Deductions
On IS or JSA (IB) and aged under 25	Nil
On IS or JSA (IB) and aged 25 or over	7.40
Aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work	7.40
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income less than £120	7.40
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £120 - £177.99	17.00
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £178 - £230.99	23.35
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £231 - £305.99	38.20
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £306 - £381.99	43.50
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £382 or more	47.75

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Housing Benefit non dependant deductions - rates

Rates - thresholds 2009	Deductions
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income less than £178	2.30
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £178 - £305.99	4.60
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £306 - £381.99	5.80
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £382 or more	6.95
Others aged 18 and over	2.30

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Incapacity Benefit

Standard rate - Long-term	2008/2009	2009/2010
Single person	84.50	89.80
Spouse of other adult dependant (where appropriate)	50.55	53.10
Short term (under pension age)	2008/2009	2009/2010
Single person lower rate	63.75	67.75
Single person higher rate	75.40	80.15
Spouse or other adult dependant (where appropriate)	39.40	41.35
Short term (over pension age)	2008/2009	2009/2010
Single person lower rate	81.10	86.20
Single person higher rate	84.50	89.80
Spouse or other adult dependant	48.65	51.10
Increase of Long-term Incapacity Benefit for age	2008/2009	2009/2010
Higher rate	17.75	15.65
Lower rate	8.90	6.55
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional)	2008/2009	2009/2010
Higher rate	17.75	15.65
Middle rate	11.40	9.10
Lower rate	5.70	5.35

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Income Support main rates

Personal allowances	2008/2009	2009/2010
Single - aged under 18 - usual rate	47.95	50.95
Single - aged less than 25	47.95	50.95
Single - aged under 18 - higher rate payable in specific circumstances	47.95	50.95
Single - aged not less than 25	60.50	64.30
Lone Parent - aged under 18 - usual rate	47.95	50.95
Lone Parent - aged under 18 - higher rate payable in specific circumstances	47.95	50.95
Lone Parent - aged 18 or over	60.50	64.30
Couple - both aged under 18	47.95	50.95
Couple - both aged under 18, one disabled	47.95	50.95
Couple - one aged under 18, one aged 18 to 24	47.95	50.95
Couple - one aged under 18, one aged 25 or over	60.50	64.30
Couple - both aged under 18, with responsibility for a child	72.35	76.90
Couple - both aged 18 or over	94.95	100.95

Dependent Children - from birth to day before 20th birthday	52.59	56.11
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Income Support Premiums

Premiums	2008/2009	2009/2010
Family Premium	16.75	17.30
Family Premium (Lone Parent rate) protected for certain claimants	16.75	17.30
Pensioner Premium - couple	94.40	97.50
Enhanced Pensioner Premium - couple	94.40	97.50
Higher Pensioner Premium - couple	94.40	97.50
Disability Premium - single	25.85	27.50
Disability Premium - couple	36.85	39.15
Enhanced Disability Premium - couple	18.15	19.30
Enhanced Disability Premium - Single people/Lone Parent	12.60	13.40
Enhanced Disability Premium - Child	19.60	20.65
Severe Disability Premium - single	50.35	52.85
Severe Disability Premium - couple - one qualifies	50.35	52.85
Severe Disability Premium - couple - both qualify	100.70	105.70
Disabled Child Premium	48.72	51.24
Carer Premium	27.75	29.50

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Industrial Injuries Benefits

Rates	2008/2009	2009/2010
Disablement Benefit (100% assessment)	136.80	143.60
Unemployability Supplement	84.50	88.75
Reduced Earnings Allowance (maximum)	54.72	57.44
Industrial Death Benefit Widows Pension - higher rate	90.70	95.25
Industrial Death Benefit Widows Pension - lower rate	27.21	28.58
Widower's pension	90.70	95.25

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Jobseeker's Allowance Contributory

Contribution-Based main rates	2008/2009	2009/2010
Personal allowances - aged under 18	47.95	50.95
Personal allowances - aged 18 to 24	47.95	50.95
Personal allowances aged 25 or over	60.50	64.30

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Jobseeker's Allowance Income-Based - Personal Allowances

Income-Based - Personal allowances	2008/2009	2009/2010
Single - aged under 18	47.95	50.95
Single - aged 18 to 24	47.95	50.95
Single - aged 25 or over	60.50	64.30
Lone Parent - aged under 18 - usual rate	47.95	50.95
Lone Parent - aged under 18 - higher rate payable in specific circumstances	47.95	50.95
Lone Parent - aged 18 or over	60.50	64.30
Couple - both aged under 18	47.95	50.95
Couple - both aged under 18 - one disabled	47.95	50.95
Couple - one aged under 18, one aged 18 to 24	47.95	50.95
Couple - one aged under 18, one aged 25 or over	60.50	64.30
Couple - both aged under 18, with responsibility for a child	72.35	76.90
Couple - both aged 18 or over	94.95	100.95
Child or Young Person from birth to the first Monday in the September following the 16th birthday	52.59	56.11
Child or Young Person from the first Monday in the September following the 16th birthday	52.59	56.11

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Jobseeker's Allowance Income-Based - Premiums

Premiums	2008/2009	2009/2010
Family Premium	16.75	17.30
Family Premium (Lone Parent rate) protected for certain claimants	16.75	17.30
Pensioner Premium - couple	94.40	97.50
Enhanced Pensioner Premium - couple	94.40	97.50
Higher Pensioner Premium - couple	94.40	97.50
Disability Premium - single	25.85	27.50
Disability Premium - couple	36.85	39.15
Enhanced Disability Premium - couple	18.15	19.30

Enhanced Disability Premium - Single people/Lone Parent	12.60	13.40
Enhanced Disability Premium - Child	19.60	20.65
Severe Disability Premium - single	50.35	52.85
Severe Disability Premium - couple - one qualifies	50.35	52.85
Severe Disability Premium - couple - both qualify	100.70	105.70
Disabled Child Premium	48.72	51.24
Carer Premium	27.75	29.50

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Maternity Allowance

	2008/2009	2009/2010
Standard Rate	117.18	123.06

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Pension Credit

Standard minimum guarantee	2008/2009	2009/2010
single	124.05	130.00
couple	189.35	198.45
Additional amount for severe disability	2008/2009	2009/2010
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	2008/2009	2009/2010
threshold - single	91.20	96.00
threshold - couple	145.80	153.40
maximum - single	19.71	20.40
maximum - couple	26.13	27.03
Capital	2008/2009	2009/2010
Amount disregard	6000.00	6000.00
Amount disregard - care homes	10000.00	10000.00
Deemed income £1 for each complete £500 or part thereof in excess of above amounts		

Housing costs - Deduction for non-dependents	2009/2010
aged 18 or over, not in work or in work and in receipt of Pension Credit	7.40
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income less than £116	7.40
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £116 - £171.99	17.00
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £172 - £222.99	23.35
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £223 - £295.99	38.20

Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £296 - £368.99	43.50
Aged 18 or over & in remunerative work gross income £369 or more	47.75

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Severe Disablement Allowance

Rates	2008/2009	2009/2010
Basic Rate - single person	51.05	57.45
Basic Rate - spouse or other adult dependant	30.40	31.90
Age additions - higher rate	17.75	15.65
Age additions - middle rate	11.40	9.10
Age additions - lower rate	5.70	5.35

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State Retirement Pension

Standard rates	2008/2009	2009/2010
Single Person	90.70	95.25
Spouse or adult dependant	54.35	57.05
Over 80 age addition	0.25	0.25

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Statutory Maternity Pay

Standard rates	2008/2009	2009/2010
Earnings threshold	90.00	95.00
Lower rate	117.18	123.06

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Statutory Sick Pay

Standard rates	2008/2009	2009/2010
Earnings threshold	90.00	95.00
Standard rate	75.40	79.15

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War Disablement Pension

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Widowed Mother's Allowance

Standard Rates

Widowed Mothers Allowance

2008/2009

90.70

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95.25

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Widows Pension

Standard Rates

Basic rate

2008/2009

90.70

2009/2010

95.25

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