means tested

Income Support & income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance

Personal allowances

- Single
  - under 18: 33.50 / 44.05
  - 18 – 24: 44.05
  - 25+: 55.65
- Lone parent
  - under 18: 33.50 / 44.05
  - one under 18: 44.05 / 55.65 / 87.30
  - both aged 18+: 87.30
- Couple
  - both under 18: 33.50 / 44.05
  - one under 18: 44.05 / 55.65 / 87.30
  - both aged 18+: 87.30
- Dependent children: 42.27(a)

Premiums

- Bereavement: 23.95
- Carer: 25.55
- Disability
  - single: 23.70
  - couple: 39.85
- Enhanced Disability
  - single person/lone parent: 11.60
  - couple: 16.75
  - child: 12.08(a)
- Family: 16.99(a)
- Pensioner: 12.70
- Severe Disability
  - per qualifying person: 44.15

Pension Credit

Minimum guarantee

- single: 105.45
- couple: 160.95

Additional amounts

- severe disability (per qualifying person): 44.15
- carer: 29.25

Savings credit threshold

- single: 79.60
- couple: 127.25

Housing Benefit & Council Tax Benefit

As for Income Support/income-based JSA or Pension Credit, except –

Personal Allowances

- Single person – under 18 (n/a for CTB): 44.05
- Lone parent – under 18 (n/a for CTB): 44.05
- Couple – both under 18 (n/a for CTB): 44.05
- one under 18: 87.30
- one or both aged 65+: 181.20

Premiums

- Family – lone parent rate: 22.20
- lone parent/baby rate: 32.70
- couple/baby rate: 26.45

Capital Limits

- Income Support/income-based JSA
  - under 60: 3000 / 8000
  - claimant/partner 60 or over or care home: 1000 / 16000
- Pension Credit
  - standard: 600 / no limit
  - care home: 1000 / no limit
- Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit
  - under 60: 3000 / 16000
  - claimant/partner 60 or over or care home (HB only): 1000 / 16000
  - Pension Credit guarantee: no limit

Working Tax Credit (b)

- Basic element: 1570.00
- Couple/lone parent: 1545.00
- 30 hours element: 640.00
- Disability element: 210.00
- Severe Disability element: 890.00
- 50+ return to work: 1075.00
- 16 – 29 hours: 1610.00
- Childcare costs (70% of up to 1 child): 135.00
- 2+ children (weekly rate): 200.00

Child Tax Credit (b)

- Family element: 545.00
- Baby addition: 545.00
- Child element: 1620.00
- Disabled child: 2215.00
- Severely disabled child: 890.00

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benefit rates

non means tested

Attendance Allowance

- lower rate: 39.35
- higher rate: 58.80

Bereavement Benefits

Bereavement Allowance

- aged 45 – 54: 23.88 – 74.03
- aged 55+: 79.60
- Widowed Parent’s Allowance: 11.35(c)

Carer’s Allowance

- adult dependent: 44.35
- child dependent: 11.35(c)

Child Benefit

- only/eldest child: 16.50
- lone parent rate: 17.55
- other children: 11.05

Disability Living Allowance

- Care Component
  - lower rate: 15.55
  - middle rate: 39.35
  - higher rate: 58.80
- Mobility Component
  - lower rate: 15.55
  - higher rate: 41.05

Guardian’s Allowance

- 11.85

Incacity Benefit

short term (under pension age)

- lower rate: 55.90
- higher rate: 66.15
- adult dependent: 34.65
- child dependent [paid with higher rate]: 11.35(c)
- long term
  - age addition
    - lower: 7.80
    - higher: 15.15
  - adult dependent: 44.35
  - child dependent: 11.35(c)

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

(variable depending on % disablement)

- under 18
  - 18+ (or under 18 with dependants):
    - 14.71 – 73.55
  - 25+
    - 14.71 – 73.55

Jobseeker’s Allowance (NI based)

- under 18: 33.50
- 18 – 24: 44.05
- 25+: 55.65

Maternity Allowance

- standard rate: 102.80
- adult dependent: 34.60

Retirement Pension

Cat A: (and Cat B for widows/widowers)

- 79.60
- 47.45
- 47.45
- 24.02–120.10

Cat B: (husband’s NI)

- 47.45
- 47.45
- 120.10

Cat D: (non contributory)

- 47.45
- 47.45
- 120.10

- child dependant addition: 11.35(c)

Severe Disablement Allowance

- age addition
  - lower: 5.00
  - middle: 10.00
  - higher: 15.55
  - adult dependent: 26.45
  - child dependent: 11.35(c)

Statutory Adoption Pay

- earnings threshold: 79.00

Statutory Maternity Pay

- earnings threshold: 79.00

Statutory Paternity Pay

- earnings threshold: 79.00

Statutory Sick Pay

- earnings threshold: 79.00

(a) Between April 2004 and April 2005 the child personal allowance, family premium and other child related premiums in Income Support/income-based JSA will be replaced by Child Tax Credit.

(b) Annual figures. First threshold £5060.00 (£13480.00 if not aged 65+) for JSA 2004/2005.

(c) Reduced where CB is payable. Replaced by Child Tax Credit for new claimants.

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