• Income Support & income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance

Personal allowances
- Single
  - under 25: 47.95
  - 25+: 60.50
- Lone parent
  - under 18: 47.95
  - 18+: 60.50
- Couple
  - both under 18: 47.95 / 72.35
  - one under 18: 47.95 / 60.50 / 94.95
  - both 18+: 94.95
- Dependent children: 52.59

Premiums
- Carer: 27.75
- Disability
  - single: 25.85
  - couple: 36.85
- Disabled Child: 48.72
- Enhanced Disability
  - single/person/one parent: 12.60
  - child: 18.15
  - family: 16.75
- Pensioner
  - single (USA only): 63.55
  - couple: 94.40

Severe Disability: per qualifying person: 50.35

• Employment and Support Allowance (a)

Basic Allowance
- single: 60.50
- couple: 94.95

Work-related activity component: xx.xx

Support component: xx.xx

(a) See Carer, Enhanced Disability, Pensioner and Severe Disability Premiums paid at the same rate as Income Support/income-based JSA.

• Pension Credit

Minimum guarantee
- single: 124.05
- couple: 189.35

Additional amounts
- Severe disability (per qualifying person): 50.35
- Carer: 27.75

Savings Credit
- Threshold – single: 91.20
- couple: 145.80

Maximum – single: 19.71
- couple: 26.13

• Housing Benefit & Council Tax Benefit (a)

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

Personal Allowances
- Single person – aged 65+: 143.80
- Couple – both under 18 (in a for CTB): 72.35
- One under 18: 94.95
- One or both aged 65+: 215.30

Premiums
- Family – lone parent rate: 22.20
- lone parent/baby rate: 32.70
- couple/baby rate: 27.25

• Working Tax Credit (d)

Basic element: 1,800.00
- Couple/person/one parent: 1,270.00
- 30 hours element: 735.00
- Disability element: 2,050.00
- Severe Disability element: 1,020.00

50% return to work
- 16 – 29 hours: 1,235.00
- 30+ hours: 1,840.00

Childcare costs (80% of up to)
- 1 child (weekly rate): 175.00
- 2+ children (weekly rate): 300.00

• Child Tax Credit (d)

Family element: 545.00
- Baby addition: 545.00
- Child element: 2,085.00
- Disabled child: 2,540.00
- Severely disabled child: 1,020.00

• Attendance Allowance

lower rate: 46.85
higher rate: 67.00

• Bereavement Benefits

Bereavement Allowance
- aged 45 – 54: 27.21 – 84.35
- aged 55 – pension age (a): 90.70

Widowed Parent’s Allowance: 90.70
child dependent: 11.35

• Carer’s Allowance

adult dependent: 30.20
child dependent: 11.35

• Child Benefit

only/oldest child: 18.80
other children: 12.55

• Disability Living Allowance

Care component
- lower rate: 17.75
- middle rate: 44.85
- higher rate: 67.00

Mobility component
- lower rate: 17.75
- higher rate: 48.75

• Employment and Support Allowance (NI based) (b)

Basic Allowance
- standard rate: 60.50
- Work-related activity component: xx.xx
- Support component: xx.xx

• Guardian’s Allowance

- 13.45

• Incapacity Benefit

- short term (under pension age): 63.75
- higher rate: 75.40

- long term
  - age addition
    - under 35: 17.75
    - 35 – 44: 8.90
    - adult dependent: 50.55
    - child dependent: 11.35

• Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

(variable depending on % disability)
- under 18: 16.77 – 83.85
- 18+ (or under 18 with dependants): 27.36 – 136.80

• Jobseeker’s Allowance (NI based)

under 25: 47.95
- 25+: 60.50

• Maternity Allowance

standard rate: 117.18
- adult dependent: 39.40

• Retirement Pension

Cat A (and Cat B for widowers/widowers): 90.70
- adult dependent (with Cat A): 54.35
- one or both (Cat B for widows/widowers): 54.35

Cat D (non contributory, aged 80 or over): 54.35
- age addition (aged 80 or over): 0.25
- child dependent: 11.35

• Severe Disablement Allowance

- 51.05
- age addition
  - under 40: 17.75
  - 40 – 49: 11.40
  - 50 – 59: 5.70
- adult dependent: 39.40
- child dependent: 11.35

• Statutory Adoption, Maternity and Paternity Pay

- 117.18

• Statutory Sick Pay

- 75.40

(a) Not applicable for new claimants.
(b) Due to be withdrawn from autumn 2008 for new claimants. Pod set to reduce to 30% of lower CTB during 12 week assessment.
(c) Expressed by London Councils Allowance – based on area and family size – in the private rented sector from April 2008.
(d) Annual figures. First threshold £6,420 (£15,575 if not entitled to WTC). Second threshold £50,000.
(e) 25 for women, 65 for men.
(f) £25/£40 reduction where CE is possible. Not applicable for new claimants.

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