

Social security benefits payable from April 2011

The new weekly rates for the main social security benefits from April 2011 are as shown below.

	Old rate (£)	New rate (£)		Old rate (£)	New rate (£)
ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE			INCAPACITY BENEFIT		
Higher rate	71.40	73.60	Long term	91.40	94.25
Lower rate	47.80	49.30	<i>Short term</i>		
BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT			Over pension age	87.75	90.45
Bereavement payment (lump sum)	2,000	2,000	Under pension age (lower)	68.95	71.10
Widowed parent's allowance	97.65	100.70	(higher)	81.60	84.15
Bereavement age-related allowance			INDUSTRIAL DEATH BENEFIT		
Standard rate	97.65	100.70	Widow's pension		
age 54	90.81	93.65	Lower rate	29.30	30.65
53	83.98	86.60	Higher rate	97.65	102.15
52	77.14	79.75	Widower's pension	97.65	102.15
51	70.31	72.50	INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT PENSION		
50	63.47	65.46	18 or over (maximum)	145.80	150.30
49	56.64	58.41	under 18 (maximum)	89.35	92.10
48	49.80	51.36	Maximum life gratuity (lump sum)	9,680.00	9,980.00
47	42.97	44.31	JOBSEEKERS ALLOWANCE		
46	36.13	37.26	<i>Personal allowances</i>		
45	29.30	30.21	Single 18 to 24	51.85	53.45
CARER'S ALLOWANCE			Single 25 or over	65.45	67.50
	53.90	55.55	Couple both under 18	51.85	53.45
CHILD BENEFIT			Couple both 18 or over	102.75	105.95
Only or eldest child (couple)	20.30	20.30	MATERNITY ALLOWANCE		
Each subsequent child	13.40	13.40	Standard rate	124.88	128.73
COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT			Threshold	30.00	30.00
Single 18 to 24	51.85	53.45	PENSION CREDIT		
25 or over	65.45	67.50	Standard minimum guarantee		
lone parent	65.45	67.50	Single	132.60	137.35
couple	102.75	105.95	Couple	202.40	209.70
Premiums			Capital		
family	17.40	17.40	Amount disregarded	10,000	10,000
lone parent	22.20	22.20	RETIREMENT PENSION		
disability			Category A or B	97.65	102.15
single	28.00	28.00	Category B (Lower)		
couple	39.85	41.10	– husband's insurance	58.50	61.20
severe disability			Category C or D – non-contributory	58.50	61.20
single	53.65	55.30	Graduated retirement benefit	11.53	11.89
couple (one qualifies)	53.65	55.30	Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
couple (both qualify)	107.30	110.60	SEVERE DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE		
disabled child	52.08	53.62		59.45	62.95
carer	30.05	31.00	STATUTORY ADOPTION/MATERNITY/PATERNITY PAY		
Capital			Standard rate	124.88	128.73
upper limit	16,000	16,000	Earnings threshold	97.00	102.00
amount disregarded	6,000	6,000	STATUTORY SICK PAY		
child's limit	3,000	3,000	Standard rate	79.15	81.60
<i>Tariff income</i>			Earnings threshold	97.00	102.00
£1 for every complete £250 or part thereof between the amount of capital disregarded and the capital upper limit.			WAR DISABLEMENT PENSION		
			Officer (£/year maximum)	8,072.00	8,323.00
			Other ranks (£/week maximum)	154.70	159.50