

Social security benefits payable from April 2010

The new weekly rates for the main social security benefits from April 2010 are as shown below.

	New rate (£)	Old rate (£)		New rate (£)	Old rate (£)
ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE			INCAPACITY BENEFIT		
Higher rate	71.40	70.35	Long term	91.40	89.80
Lower rate	47.80	47.10	<i>Short term</i>		
BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT			Over pension age	87.75	86.20
Bereavement payment (lump sum)	2,000	2,000	Under pension age (lower)	68.95	67.75
Widowed parent's allowance	97.65	95.25	(higher)	81.60	80.15
Bereavement age-related allowance			INDUSTRIAL DEATH BENEFIT		
Standard rate	97.65	95.25	Widow's pension		
age 54	90.81	88.58	Lower rate	29.30	28.58
53	83.98	81.92	Higher rate	97.65	95.25
52	77.14	75.25	Widower's pension	97.65	95.25
51	70.31	68.58	INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT PENSION		
50	63.47	61.91	18 or over (maximum)	145.80	143.60
49	56.64	55.25	under 18 (maximum)	89.35	88.05
48	49.80	48.58	JOBSEEKERS ALLOWANCE		
47	42.97	41.91	<i>Personal allowances</i>		
46	36.13	35.24	Single 18 to 24	51.85	50.95
45	29.30	28.58	Single 25 or over	65.45	64.30
CARER'S ALLOWANCE			Couple both 18 or over	102.75	100.95
	53.90	53.10	MATERNITY ALLOWANCE		
CHILD BENEFIT			Standard rate	124.88	123.06
Only or eldest child (couple)	20.30	20.00	Threshold	30.00	30.00
Each subsequent child	13.40	13.20	PENSION CREDIT		
COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT			Standard minimum guarantee		
Single 18 to 24	51.85	50.95	Single	132.60	130.00
25 or over	65.45	64.30	Couple	202.40	198.45
lone parent	65.45	64.30	Capital		
couple	102.75	100.95	Amount disregarded	10,000	6,000
Premiums			RETIREMENT PENSION		
family	17.40	17.30	Category A or B	97.65	95.25
lone parent	22.20	22.20	Category B (Lower)		
disability			– husband's insurance	58.50	57.05
single	28.00	27.50	Category C or D – non-contributory	58.50	57.05
couple	39.85	39.15	Category C (Lower)		
severe disability			– non-contributory	35.00	34.15
single	53.65	52.85	Graduated retirement benefit	11.53	11.53
couple (one qualifies)	53.65	52.85	Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
couple (both qualify)	107.30	105.70	SEVERE DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE		
disabled child	52.08	51.24		59.45	57.45
carer	30.05	29.50	STATUTORY ADOPTION/MATERNITY/PATERNITY PAY		
Capital			Standard rate	124.88	123.06
upper limit	16,000	16,000	Earnings threshold	97.00	95.00
amount disregarded	6,000	6,000	STATUTORY SICK PAY		
child's limit	3,000	3,000	Standard rate	79.15	79.15
<i>Tariff income</i>			Earnings threshold	97.00	95.00
£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	7,952.00
			Other ranks (£/week maximum)	154.70	152.40