

# NEWS RELEASE

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Work and Pensions

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(Weekly rates unless otherwise shown)	<b>RATES 2002</b>	<b>RATES 2003</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE</b>		
higher rate	56.25	57.20
lower rate	37.65	38.30
<b>CHILD BENEFIT</b>		
- only, elder or eldest for whom child benefit is payable (couple)	15.75	16.05
- only, elder or eldest for whom child benefit is payable (lone parent)	17.55	17.55
- each subsequent child	10.55	10.75
<b>COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT</b>		
Personal allowances		
Single		
18 to 24	42.70	43.25
25 or over	53.95	54.65
lone parent - 18 or over	53.95	54.65
couple - one or both over 18	84.65	85.75
Dependent Children		
from birth to September following 16th birthday	37.00	38.50
from Sept. following 16th birthday to day before 19th birthday	37.80	38.50
pensioner (from October 2003)		
single - 60 – 64		102.10
couple - one or both 60 – 64		155.80
single - 65 and over		116.90

couple - one or both 65 and over 175.00

Premiums

Family	14.75	15.75
family (lone parent rate)	22.20	22.20

Pensioner		
Single	44.20	47.45
Couple	65.15	70.05

pensioner (enhanced)		
Single	44.20	47.45
Couple	65.15	70.05

pensioner (higher)		
Single	44.20	47.45
Couple	65.15	70.05

Disability		
Single	23.00	23.30
Couple	32.80	33.25
enhanced disability premium single rate	11.25	11.40
disabled child rate	11.25	16.60
couple rate	16.25	16.45

severe disability		
Single	42.25	42.95
couple (one qualifies)	42.25	42.95
couple (both qualify)	84.50	85.90

disabled child	35.50	41.30
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Carer	24.80	25.10
Bereavement	21.55	22.80

Allowance for personal expenses for claimants in hospital

higher rate	18.90	19.35
lower rate	15.10	15.50

Non-dependant deductions aged 18 or over and in remunerative work

- gross income: £293 or more	6.95	6.95
- gross income: £235 - £292.99	5.80	5.80

- gross income: £137 - £234.99	4.60	4.60
- gross income less than £137	2.30	2.30
others, aged 18 or over	2.30	2.30

Alternative maximum Council Tax Benefit

second adult on IS or JSA(ib) 25% of Council Tax 25% of Council Tax

second adult's gross income :  
- under £137 15% of Council Tax 15% of Council Tax

- £137 to £176.99 7.5% of Council Tax 7.5% of Council Tax

Capital

upper limit	16000.00	16000.00
amount disregarded	3000.00	3000.00
upper limit (clmt/ptner 60 or over)	16000.00	16000.00
upper limit (PC guarantee) from		No limit

Oct 2003

amount disregarded (clmt/ptner 60 or over)	6000.00	6000.00
child disregard	3000.00	3000.00
upper limit of RC/NH	16000.00	16000.00
amt disregarded of RC/NH	10000.00	10000.00

Tariff income

£1 for every complete £250 or part thereof between amount of capital disregarded and capital upper limit

Tariff income (clmt/ptner 60 or over) from Oct 2003

£1 for every prescribed amount between amount of capital disregard and capital upper limit 500.00

Earnings disregards

where disability premium awarded	20.00	20.00
various specified employments	20.00	20.00
lone parent	25.00	25.00
where the claimant has a partner	10.00	10.00
single claimant	5.00	5.00
where carer premium awarded	20.00	20.00

childcare charges	94.50	94.50
childcare charges (2 or more children)	140.00	140.00
Other income disregards		
maintenance disregard	15.00	15.00
war disablement pension and war widow's pension	10.00	10.00
certain voluntary and charitable payments	20.00	20.00
student loan	10.00	10.00
student's covenanted income	5.00	5.00
income from boarders : disregard the fixed amount (£20)		
plus		
50% of the balance of the charge	20.00	20.00
30 Hr Adult Allowance in WTC	11.65	11.90
30 Hr Adult Credit in WTC	11.65	11.90
Expenses for subtenants		
furnished or unfurnished	4.00	4.00
where heating is included, additional	9.40	9.65

#### **DEPENDENCY INCREASES**

Adult Dependency Increases  
For spouse or person looking after children, with;

retirement pension on own insurance,	45.20	46.35
long term incap. benefit, unemployment supplement.	42.45	43.15
severe disablement allowance	25.45	25.90
invalid care allowance (carer's allowance from April 2003)	25.35	25.80
short-term incap. benefit if beneficiary over pension age	40.80	41.50
maternity allowance/short-term incap. ben.	33.10	33.65

Child Dependency Increases, with;

retirement pension, widowed mothers allowance, widowed parents allowance,  
short-term incap. ben. at the higher rate &  
long term incap. ben. invalid care allowance(carer's allowance from April 2003)  
severe disab. allowce, higher rate industrial death benefit, unemployment supplement and short-term incap.benefit if beneficiary over pension age

11.35	11.35
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NB - The Overlapping Benefits Regulations provide for the rate of child dependency increases to be adjusted where the increase is payable for the eldest eligible child for whom Chb is also payable. The weekly rate of the increase is reduced by the differential (less £3.50 from April 2000) between the rate of ChB payable for the oldest eligible child and that payable for a subsequent child.

**DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE**

Care Component		
Highest	56.25	57.20
Middle	37.65	38.30
Lowest	14.90	15.15
Mobility Component		
Higher	39.30	39.95
Lower	14.90	15.15

**EARNINGS RULES**

Invalid Care Allowance (Carer's Allowance from April 2003)	75.00	77.00
Limit of earnings from councillor's allowance (new rate applies from Oct 02)	66.00	67.50
Permitted work earnings limit (new rate applies from Oct 02)	66.00	67.50

Industrial injuries unemployability supplement permitted earnings level (annual amount)	3432.00	3510.00
Adult dependency increases with short-term incap.benefit where claimant is		
(a) under pension age	33.10	33.65
(b) over pension age	40.80	41.50
maternity allowance	33.10	33.65
retirement pension, long-term incapacity benefit, severe disablement allowance, unemploy-ability supplement where dependant		
(a) is living with claimant	53.95	54.65
(b) still qualifies for the tapered earnings rule	45.09	45.09
retirement pension, long-term incap benefit and unemployability supplement where dependant not living with claimant	45.20	46.35
severe disablement allowance where dependant not living with claimant	42.45	43.15
invalid care allowance (carer's allowance from April 2003)	25.45	25.90
Child dependency increases level at which CDIs are affected by earnings of claimant's spouse or partner	25.35	25.80
for first child	155.00	160.00
for each subsequent child	20.00	20.00

<b>GUARDIAN'S ALLOWANCE</b>	11.35	11.55
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**HOSPITAL DOWNRATING [Not to be included in PQ]**

20% rate	15.10	15.50
38% rate	28.70	29.45

**HOUSING BENEFIT**

Personal allowances

single		
16 to 24	42.70	43.25
25 or over	53.95	54.65

lone parent		
under 18	42.70	43.25
18 or over	53.95	54.65

couple		
both under 18	64.45	65.30
one or both 18 or over	84.65	85.75

dependent children		
from birth to September		
following 16th birthday	37.00	38.50
from Sept. following 16th birthday to		
day before 19th birthday	37.80	38.50

pensioner (from October 2003)		
single - 60 - 64		102.10
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single - 65 and over		116.90
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couple (both qualify)	84.50	85.90
disabled child	35.50	41.30
carer	24.80	25.10
bereavement	21.55	22.80
Allowance for personal expenses for claimants in hospital		
higher rate	18.90	19.35
lower rate	15.10	15.50
Non-dependant deductions		
rent rebates and allowances		
aged 25 and over, in receipt of Income Support or income based Job Seekers Allowance		
aged 18 or over, not in remunerative work or		
- gross income less than £92	7.40	7.40
aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		
- gross income: less than £92	7.40	7.40
- gross income: £92 to £136.99	17.00	17.00
- gross income: £137 to £176.99	23.35	23.35

- gross income: £177 to £234.99	38.20	38.20
- gross income: £235 to £292.99	43.50	43.50
- gross income: £293 and above	47.75	47.75
Service charges for fuel		
heating	9.40	9.65
hot water	1.15	1.20
lighting	0.80	0.80
cooking	1.15	1.20
Amount ineligible for meals		
three or more meals a day		
single claimant	19.25	19.50
each person in family aged 16 or	19.25	19.50
over		
each child under 16	9.70	9.85
less than three meals a day		
single claimant	12.80	12.95
each person in family aged 16 or	12.80	12.95
over		
each child under 16	6.45	6.55
breakfast only - claimant and each		
member of family	2.35	2.40
Capital		
upper limit	16000.00	16000.00
amount disregarded	3000.00	3000.00
upper limit (clmt/ptner 60 or over)	16000.00	16000.00
upper limit (PC guarantee) from		No limit
Oct 2003		
amount disregarded (clmt/ptner 60 or	6000.00	6000.00
over)		
child disregard	3000.00	3000.00
upper limit of RC/NH	16000.00	16000.00
amt disregarded of RC/NH	10000.00	10000.00
Tariff income		
£1 for every complete £250 or		
part		
thereof between amount of capital		
disregarded and capital upper limit		
Tariff income (clmt/ptner 60 or over) from Oct 2003		
£1 for every prescribed amount		500.00
between		
amount of capital disregard and		

capital  
upper limit

Earnings disregards		
where disability premium awarded	20.00	20.00
various specified employments	20.00	20.00
lone parent	25.00	25.00
where the claimant has a partner	10.00	10.00
single claimant	5.00	5.00
where carer premium awarded	20.00	20.00
childcare charges	94.50	94.50
childcare charges (2 or more children)	140.00	140.00
Other income disregards		
maintenance disregard	15.00	15.00
war disablement pension and war widow's pension	10.00	10.00
certain voluntary and charitable payments	20.00	20.00
student loan	10.00	10.00
student's covenanted income	5.00	5.00
income from boarders : disregard the fixed amount (£20)		
plus		
50% of the balance of the charge	20.00	20.00
30 Hr Adult Allowance in WTC	11.65	11.90
30 Hr Adult Credit in WTC	11.65	11.90
Expenses for subtenants		
furnished or unfurnished	4.00	4.00
where heating is included,	9.40	9.65
additional		
Maximum rates for recovery of overpayments		
ordinary overpayments	8.10	8.25
where claimant convicted of fraud	10.80	10.80

## **INCAPACITY BENEFIT**

Long-term Incapacity Benefit	70.95	72.15
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (under pension age)		

lower rate	53.50	54.40
higher rate	63.25	64.35
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over pension age)		
lower rate	68.05	69.20
higher rate	70.95	72.15
Increase of Long-term Incap. Ben for age		
higher rate	14.90	15.15
lower rate	7.45	7.60
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional)		
higher rate	14.90	15.15
middle rate	9.50	9.70
lower rate	4.75	4.85
<b>INCOME SUPPORT</b>		
Personal Allowances		
single		
under 18 - usual rate	32.50	32.90
under 18 - higher rate payable in specific circumstances	42.70	43.25
18 to 24	42.70	43.25
25 or over	53.95	54.65
lone parent		
under 18 - usual rate	32.50	32.90
under 18 - higher rate payable in specific circumstances	42.70	43.25
18 or over	53.95	54.65
couple		
both under 18	32.50	32.90
both under 18, one disabled	42.70	43.25
both under 18, with resp. for a child	64.45	65.30
one under 18, one 18-24	42.70	43.25
one under 18, one 25+	53.95	54.65
both 18 or over	84.65	85.75
dependent children		
birth to September following 16th birthday	37.00	38.50
from Sept. following 16th birthday to		

day before 19th birthday	37.80	38.50
Residential Allowance except Greater London	64.40	65.50
Greater London	71.65	72.85
Premiums		
family	14.75	15.75
family (lone parent rate)	15.90	15.90
pensioner		
single	44.20	47.45
couple	65.15	70.05
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carer	24.80	25.10
bereavement	21.55	22.80
hospital		
higher rate	18.90	19.35
lower rate	15.10	15.50
local authority (Pt III) accommodation	75.50	77.45

of which, Personal Expenses	16.80	17.50
Allowances for personal expenses for claimants in:		
the Polish home Ilford Park		
max amount for accommodation	385.00	390.00
and meals		
personal expenses for claimant	17.35	17.50
personal expenses for partner	17.35	17.50
personal expenses for dep children		
(a) under 11	6.35	6.45
(b) 11 to 15	9.30	9.40
(c) 16 to 17	10.75	10.90
(d) 18	15.55	15.55
personal expenses allowance for claimant	16.80	17.50
admitted or readmitted on or after 1 April 1995		
Housing costs		
deduction for non-dependants aged 25 and over, in receipt of Income Support or income based Job Seekers Allowance		
aged 18 or over, not in work or		
- gross income less than £92	7.40	7.40
aged 18 or over and in remunerative work:		
- gross income: £92 to £136.99	17.00	17.00
- gross income: £137 to £176.99	23.35	23.35
- gross income: £177 to £234.99	38.20	38.20
- gross income: £235 to £292.99	43.50	43.50
- gross income: £293 and above	47.75	47.75
Deduction for direct payments arrears of housing, fuel and water costs council tax and fines default, and	2.70	2.75
deductions for child maintenance (standard)	5.40	5.50
deductions for child maintenance (lower)	2.70	2.75
Arrears of Community Charge court order against claimant	2.70	2.75

court order against couple	4.25	4.30
Maximum rates for recovery of overpayments		
ordinary overpayments	8.10	8.25
where claimant convicted of fraud	10.80	10.80
Reduction in benefit for strikers	29.00	29.50
Capital		
upper limit	8000.00	8000.00
amount disregarded	3000.00	3000.00
upper limit (clmt/ptner 60 or over)	12000.00	12000.00
amount disregarded (clmt/ptner 60 or over)	6000.00	6000.00
child's limit	3000.00	3000.00
upper limit of RC/NH	16000.00	16000.00
amt disregarded of RC/NH	10000.00	10000.00
Tariff income		
£1 for every complete £250 or part thereof between amount of capital disregarded and capital upper limit		
Disregards		
standard earnings	5.00	5.00
couples earnings	10.00	10.00
higher earnings	20.00	20.00
war disablement pension and war widow's pension	10.00	10.00
voluntary and charitable payments	20.00	20.00
student loan	10.00	10.00
student's covenanted income	5.00	5.00
income from boarders : disregard the fixed amount (£20)		
plus		
50% of the balance of the charge	20.00	20.00
Expenses for subtenants		
furnished or unfurnished	4.00	4.00
where heating is included, additional	9.40	9.65

**INDUSTRIAL DEATH BENEFIT**

Widow's pension		
higher rate	75.50	77.45
lower rate	22.65	23.24
Widower's pension	75.50	77.45

**INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT PENSION**

18 and over, or under 18 with dependants

100%	114.80	116.80
90%	103.32	105.12
80%	91.84	93.44
70%	80.36	81.76
60%	68.88	70.08
50%	57.40	58.40
40%	45.92	46.72
30%	34.44	35.04
20%	22.96	23.36

Under 18

100%	70.35	71.55
90%	63.32	64.40
80%	56.28	57.24
70%	49.25	50.09
60%	42.21	42.93
50%	35.18	35.78
40%	28.14	28.62
30%	21.11	21.47
20%	14.07	14.31

Maximum life gratuity (lump sum) 7630.00 7760.00

Unemployability Supplement 70.95 72.15  
plus where appropriate an increase  
for early incapacity

higher rate	14.90	15.15
middle rate	9.50	9.70
lower rate	4.75	4.85

Maximum reduced earnings allowance 45.92 46.72

Maximum retirement allowance 11.48 11.68

Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	92.00	93.60
intermediate rate	69.00	70.20
normal maximum rate	46.00	46.80
part-time rate	23.00	23.40
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	46.00	46.80
<b>INVALID CARE ALLOWANCE</b> (CARER'S ALLOWANCE from April 2003)	42.45	43.15
<b>JOBSEEKERS ALLOWANCE</b>		
Contribution based JSA - Pers. rates		
under 18	32.50	32.90
18 to 24	42.70	43.25
25 or over	53.95	54.65
Income-based JSA - pers. allowances		
under 18	32.50	32.90
18 to 24	42.70	43.25
25 or over	53.95	54.65
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under 18 - higher rate payable in specific circumstances	42.70	43.25
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local authority (Pt III)	75.50	77.45
accommodation		
of which, Personal Expenses	16.80	17.50

Housing costs		
deduction for non-dependants		
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Support		
or income based Job Seekers		
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Deduction for direct payments		
Deductions from JSA (IB)		
arrears of housing, fuel and water costs		
council tax and fines default, and	2.70	2.75
Deductions for Child Maintenance		
deductions for child maintenance	5.40	5.50
(standard)		
deductions for child maintenance	2.70	2.75
(lower)		
Arrears of Community Charge		
court order against claimant	2.70	2.75
court order against couple	4.25	4.30
Deductions from JSA (Cont.)		
Arrears of Comm. Charge, Council Tax, fines &		
overpayment recovery		
Age 16 - 17	10.83	10.96
Age 18 - 24	14.23	14.41
Age 25 +	17.98	18.21
Max. dedn for arrears of Child Supp.		
Maintenance		
Age 16 - 17	10.83	10.96
Age 18 - 24	14.23	14.41
Age 25 +	17.98	18.21

Maximum rates for recovery of overpayments in  
JSA(ib)

ordinary overpayments	8.10	8.25
where claimant convicted of fraud	10.80	10.80
Reduction in benefit for strikers	29.00	29.50
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furnished or unfurnished	4.00	4.00
where heating is included, additional	9.40	9.65
<b>MATERNITY ALLOWANCE</b>		
Standard rate	75.00	100.00
MA threshold	30.00	30.00

## **PENSION CREDIT** (from October 2003)

Standard minimum guarantee	
single	102.10
couple	155.80
Additional amount for severe disability	
single	42.95
couple (one qualifies)	42.95
couple (both qualify)	85.90
Additional amount for carers	25.10
Savings credit threshold	
single	77.45
couple	123.80
Capital	
Amount disregard	6000.00
Amount disregard - care homes	10000.00
Deemed income	
£1 for each complete £500 or part thereof in excess of above amounts	
Housing costs	
Deduction for non-dependents	
- aged 18 or over, not in work or in work	
and in receipt of Pension Credit	7.40
- aged 18 or over and in work:	
- gross income: less than £92	7.40
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- gross income: £293 and above	47.75
Amount for claimant and first spouse in polygamous marriage	155.80
Additional amount for additional spouse	53.70
Disregards	
Standard earnings	5.00
Couples earnings	10.00
Higher earnings	20.00

War disablement pension and War widows pension		10.00
Widowed Parent's Allowance		10.00
Income from subtenants		20.00
Income from boarders		20.00
(disregard the fixed amount (£20) plus 50% of the balance of the charge)		
Deduction for direct payments arrears of housing, fuel, water costs council tax and fines default		2.75
Arrears of Community Charge court order against claimant		2.75
court order against couple		4.30
Maximum rates of recovery of overpayments		
- ordinary overpayments		8.25
- where claimant convicted of fraud		10.80

**PNEUMOCONIOSIS, BYSSINOSIS, AND MISCELLANEOUS DISEASES SCHEME  
AND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION  
(SUPPLEMENTATION)**

Total disablement allowance and major incapacity allowance (maximum)	114.80	116.80
Partial disablement allowance	42.45	43.15
Unemployability supplement plus where appropriate increases for early incapacity	70.95	72.15
higher rate	14.90	15.15
middle rate	9.50	9.70
lower rate	4.75	4.85
Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	92.00	93.60
intermediate rate	69.00	70.20
normal maximum rate	46.00	46.80
part-time rate	23.00	23.40

Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	46.00	46.80
Lesser incapacity allowance		
maximum rate of allowance	42.45	43.15
based on loss of earnings over	56.25	57.20
<b>RETIREMENT PENSION</b>		
Category A or B	75.50	77.45
Category B(lower) - husband's insurance	45.20	46.35
Category C or D - non-contributory	45.20	46.35
Category C(lower) - non-contributory	27.00	27.70
Additional pension		Increase by: 1.7%
Increments to:-		Increase by:
Basic pension		<b>[6.6%– to be confirmed]</b>
Additional pension		1.7%
Contracted out deductions (CODs) (Pre Apr '88 earnings)		1.7%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (GRB)		1.7%
Increments to CODs (Apr.88 - Apr. 97 earnings) [3.0% paid by schemes]		Nil
Graduated Retirement Benefit (unit)	0.0921	0.0937
Graduated Retirement Benefit (Inherited)		Increase by: 1.7%
Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
<b>SEVERE DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE</b>		
Basic rate	42.85	43.60
Age-related addition (from Dec 90)		
Higher rate	14.90	15.15
Middle rate	9.50	9.70
Lower rate	4.75	4.85

**STATUTORY ADOPTION PAY**

Earnings threshold		77.00
Rate		100.00

**STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY**

Earnings threshold	75.00	77.00
Standard rate	75.00	100.00

**STATUTORY PATERNITY PAY**

Earnings threshold		77.00
Rate		100.00

**STATUTORY SICK PAY**

Earnings threshold	75.00	77.00
Standard rate	63.25	64.35

**WIDOW'S BENEFIT**

Widowed mother's allowance	75.50	77.45
Widow's pension		
standard rate	75.50	77.45
age-related		
age 54 (49)	70.22	72.03
53 (48)	64.93	66.61
52 (47)	59.65	61.19
51 (46)	54.36	55.76
50 (45)	49.08	50.34
49 (44)	43.79	44.92
48 (43)	38.51	39.50
47 (42)	33.22	34.08
46 (41)	27.94	28.66
45 (40)	22.65	23.24

Note: For deaths occurring before 11 April 1988 refer to age-points shown in brackets.

**BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT**

Bereavement payment (lump sum)	2000.00	2000.00
Widowed parent's allowance	75.50	77.45
Bereavement Allowance		
standard rate	75.50	77.45
age-related		
age 54	70.22	72.03
53	64.93	66.61
52	59.65	61.19
51	54.36	55.76
50	49.08	50.34
49	43.79	44.92
48	38.51	39.50
47	33.22	34.08
46	27.94	28.66
45	22.65	23.24