

# Consumer Price Inflation: The 2015 Basket of Goods and Services

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## Introduction

The 'shopping baskets' of items used in compiling the various measures of consumer price inflation are reviewed each year. Some items are taken out of the baskets and some are brought in to make sure the measures are up to date and representative of consumer spending patterns. This article describes the review process and explains how and why the various items in the consumer price inflation baskets are chosen. The contents of the baskets for 2015 are summarised in Annexes A and B, and the main changes from the 2014 price collection are discussed below. Similar articles have been published in previous years.

The four measures of consumer price inflation covered in the article are the:

- Consumer Prices Index (CPI) – a measure produced to international standards and in line with European regulations. First published in 1997 as the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), the CPI is the inflation measure used in the Government's target for inflation.
- CPIH – an index introduced in March 2013 that includes owner occupiers' housing costs. The National Statistics status of CPIH has been discontinued pending work by ONS to investigate and improve the method for measuring owner occupiers' housing costs in this index. [Full details](#) can be found on the UK Statistics Authority website and an [explanatory note \(313.9 Kb Pdf\)](#) on the ONS website. The improvements will be introduced as part of the 2015 annual update of consumer price indices published on 24 March 2015, with the historical series revised back to 2005.
- Retail Prices Index (RPI) – a long-standing measure of UK inflation that has been used for a wide range of purposes. In accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, the Retail Prices Index and its derivatives were assessed against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics in 2013 and found not to meet the required standard for designation as National Statistics. The [full assessment](#) report can be found on the UK Statistics Authority website.
- RPIJ – an improved variant of the Retail Prices Index calculated using formulae that meet international standards.

This article also summarises one other change relating to the improved measurement of owner occupiers' housing costs in CPIH. This is included in the 'Other Changes' section with a link to a more detailed article on the subject.

## The shopping basket

Consumer price inflation is the rate at which the prices of goods and services bought by households rise or fall. A convenient way of thinking about this is to imagine a very large 'shopping basket' containing those goods and services bought by households. As the prices of the various items in the basket change over time, so does the total cost of the basket. Movements in consumer price inflation indices represent the changing cost of the shopping basket.

In principle, the basket should contain all consumer goods and services purchased by households and the prices measured in every shop or outlet that supplies them. In practice, the consumer price indices are calculated by collecting a sample of prices for a selection of representative goods and services in a range of UK retail locations. Currently, around 180,000 separate price quotations are used every month in compiling the indices, covering around 700 representative consumer goods and services. These prices are collected in around 140 areas throughout the UK.

Within each year, the consumer price indices represent the changing cost of a basket of goods and services of fixed composition, quantity and quality. In practice, this is achieved by:

- keeping constant the sample of representative goods and services.
- applying a fixed set of weights to price changes for each of the items such that their influence on the overall index reflects their importance in the typical household budget.
- taking care to ensure that replacements for brands that are no longer stocked in an individual shop are of comparable quality.

In this way, changes in the consumer price indices from month to month reflect only changes in prices, and not ongoing variations in the quality and quantity of items purchased by consumers.

However, the contents of the consumer price inflation basket of goods and services and their associated expenditure weights are updated annually. This is important in helping to avoid potential biases that might otherwise develop over time - for example, due to the development of entirely new goods and services, or the tendency for consumers to move away from buying goods and services which have risen relatively rapidly in price. For example, if the price of tea rose dramatically during one year, consumers might switch their spending towards coffee making it necessary to adjust the expenditure weights accordingly in the following year.

These procedures also help to ensure that the indices reflect longer-term trends in consumer spending patterns. For example, the proportion of household expenditure devoted to domestic services has broadly risen overall over the last 25 years. This is reflected both in an increasing weight for this component in the consumer price indices, and the addition of new items in the basket to improve measurement of price changes in this area: examples include playgroup and nanny fees.

For the RPIJ and RPI, changes to the items and weights are introduced in the February index each year, but prices are collected for both old and new items in January. This means that the figures for each year can be 'chain linked' together to form a long-run price

index spanning many years. In other words, price changes between December and January are based on the old basket and weights, and price changes between January and February, and beyond, are based on the new basket and weights. This procedure ensures that the annual changes to the basket and weights have no impact on estimated changes in prices as measured by the indices. The same basic approach is adopted in the CPI and CPIH although, for technical reasons, it is necessary to chain link the published indices twice each year rather than only once as in the RPIJ and RPI.<sup>1</sup>

[ONS\(2013\) 'Consumer Price Indices – a Brief Guide'](#) provides a helpful introduction to the concepts and procedures underpinning the compilation of the consumer price indices. These are described in much greater detail in [ONS\(2014\) 'Consumer Price Indices – Technical Manual'](#).

## Representative items

There are some individual goods and services where typical household spending is so large that they merit inclusion in the basket in their own right: examples include petrol, and electricity and gas supply. However, it would be both impractical and unnecessary to measure price changes of every item bought by every household in compiling the consumer price indices.

More commonly, a sample of specific goods and services has to be selected that gives a reliable measure of price movements for a broader range of similar items. For example, price changes for garden spades might be considered representative of price changes for other garden tools. The selection of these representative items is judgmental since the significant difficulties involved in defining an adequate sampling frame (that is, a list of all the individual goods and services bought by households) restrict the use of traditional random sampling methods when choosing the representative items.

For each product grouping, a number of items are selected whose price movements, when taken together, provide a good estimate of the overall change in prices for the group. For example, there are around 20 representative items in the CPI 'furniture and furnishings' class, from bedroom wardrobes to kitchen units, whose prices are used to calculate an overall estimate of price change for all furniture products.

The prices collected for each product group are then combined to produce the overall consumer price indices, with weights proportional to total expenditure on the entire product group. So the weight given to 'furniture and furnishings' in the CPI and CPIH shopping baskets, or 'furniture' in the RPIJ and RPI baskets, reflects average household spending on all furniture products as opposed to spending on the basket items only. Similarly, the weight of garden spades would be derived from all spending on garden tools.

These expenditure weights are also updated annually so that the indices reflect current spending patterns. In line with usual practice, CPI and CPIH class weights were updated with effect from the January 2015 index, and RPIJ and RPI section weights will be revised with effect from the February index, at which point the weights for the more detailed item

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<sup>1</sup> CPI and CPIH indices are chain-linked first each January, when weights for CPI and CPIH classes and higher level aggregates are updated, and again in February when changes to the basket are introduced and hence weights for individual item indices are reviewed.

indices will also be revised. Broadly speaking, over the longer term, weights for services have increased while those for goods have decreased. A more detailed article on changes to the published consumer price indices weights for 2015 will be published on the ONS website on 24 March 2015.

In reality there are three inflation baskets: for the CPI, CPIH and an identical basket for RPIJ and RPI. The contents of these are very similar although the precise weights attached to the individual items differ.<sup>2</sup> For example, CPIH includes a measure of owner occupiers' housing costs that is excluded from CPI. Both the CPI and CPIH baskets contain some items excluded from the RPI basket such as university accommodation fees and unit trust commissions. Similarly, the RPI and RPIJ basket contains some items (eg mortgage interest payments) that are excluded from the CPI and CPIH baskets.

The differences between the different inflation measures are discussed in ONS(2013) '[Users and Uses of Consumer Price Inflation Statistics](#)'. The newer measures of inflation, CPIH and RPIJ, are described in ONS(2014) 'Consumer Price Indices – Technical Manual'.

## Selecting the representative items

A number of factors need to be taken into account when choosing representative items. Of course, the items must be easy to find by price collectors, so ensuring that estimates of price change are based on an adequate number of price quotes collected throughout the UK. Since the consumer price indices are based on the cost of fixed in-year baskets of goods and services, ideally they should also be available for purchase throughout the year. However, availability of some food and clothing items is clearly seasonal, and so these goods require a slightly different treatment in the indices.

The number of items chosen to represent each product group within the indices depends both on the weight (i.e. expenditure) of the group and also the variability of price changes between the various items that could be selected to represent the group (reflecting, for example, the diversity of products available). Intuitively, it makes sense to choose more items in product groups where spending is high; this helps to minimise sampling variability in the estimate of price change for high-weighted groups, and therefore in the overall price index. However, if price movements of all possible items in the group are very similar, it is sufficient to collect prices for only a few.<sup>3</sup> By contrast, if price movements of all the possible items are very different, prices will be needed for many representative items to get a reliable overall estimate of price change for the group.

Based on this, the allocation of items to broad commodity groups can be analysed, as shown for the 12 divisions of the CPI in Table 1, and the balance used as an anchor for

<sup>2</sup> CPI and CPIH weights are based on National Accounts estimates of household final consumption consistent with the wider population coverage (that is, all private households, residents of institutional households and foreign visitors to the UK). RPIJ and RPI weights are based primarily on household spending estimates derived from the Living Costs and Food Survey, and relate to expenditures by private households only, excluding the top 4 per cent of households by income and those pensioner households mainly dependent on state benefits.

<sup>3</sup> At the extreme, if price changes for all the possible items that could be selected in a particular group were identical each month, it would be necessary to select only one of the items for inclusion in the basket. Price changes for this one item would be perfectly representative of price changes for the group as a whole.

the annual review of the baskets. The significant allocation of items to the food division relative to its index weight, for example, is partly explained by the relatively high variation in observed price changes between the individual goods in this area. Conversely, a smaller proportion of items relative to index weight is allocated to the restaurants and hotels division, reflecting greater similarity in observed price changes. In some cases, such as transport and housing, apparent low allocations of items are explained by the presence of some dominant individual items (eg car purchase and motor fuels, and housing rents respectively). Here, the case for adding further items to improve coverage of these divisions' remaining index weights is much weaker – instead, it is far more important to ensure that the sampling of prices for these heavily weighted items is as comprehensive as possible.

**Table 1: Allocation of items to CPI divisions in 2015**

	CPI weight (per cent)	Observed variation in price changes <sup>1</sup>	Representative items <sup>2</sup> (per cent of total)
1 Food & non-alcoholic beverages	11.0	High	23
2 Alcohol & tobacco	4.3	Medium	4
3 Clothing & footwear	7.0	Medium	11
4 Housing & household services	12.8	Medium	4
5 Furniture & household goods	5.9	Medium	10
6 Health	2.5	Low	3
7 Transport	14.9	Medium	6
8 Communication	3.1	High	2
9 Recreation & culture	14.7	High	17
10 Education	2.6	High	1
11 Restaurants & hotels	12.1	Low	8
12 Miscellaneous goods & services	9.1	High	11

<sup>1</sup> Based on an analysis of variation in price changes between the individual items chosen to represent each division in the period 2010-2014.

<sup>2</sup> These figures should be treated as providing only a broad indication of the allocation of items to the 12 CPI divisions. For example, the sample of prices underpinning an existing item might easily be stratified in some way to form two or more distinct items; conversely, items could be merged to form a single item representing a wider, more heterogeneous, spending category. A specific example of this is the item 'UK university tuition fees'. This is classified as one item but the index takes into account prices for undergraduate, postgraduate and part-time courses.

The analysis also helps to highlight those areas of the CPI which might benefit most from improved coverage, such as miscellaneous goods and services. The current allocation of items to the division is broadly comparable to its index weight but variation in price changes appears relatively high, possibly reflecting the diversity of goods and services covered by this division. As discussed later, this type of analysis has motivated some of the additions to the baskets in 2015. Conversely, it also helps to highlight areas where there is scope to remove items from the baskets without any significant loss of precision in the indices. It is important that growth in the overall size of the baskets is limited each year so that production costs and processing times are contained.

Such analysis cannot tell us which items should be priced, and so choosing a particular set of items to represent each area remains a matter of judgement. Consumer price inflation commodity groupings are regularly reviewed with the aim that all significant items or distinct markets where consumers' expenditure exceeds around £400 million annually are explicitly represented in the baskets, except where those items are judged to be adequately represented by other items in the baskets.<sup>4</sup> Conversely, where spending on items falls below the £100 million mark, there should be good reason for their continuing inclusion in the baskets. For example, while spending on acoustic guitars and power drills is relatively low, both are included in the baskets to represent wider markets (musical instruments and electrical tools respectively) that would otherwise not be covered explicitly. Trends in expenditure, as well as the latest available figures, help to inform the decisions in all cases.

This focus on expenditures in determining the contents of the baskets partly reflects the data that are available describing household spending patterns. One major source of information comes from the diaries and questionnaires filled in by people taking part in the ONS Living Costs and Food Survey, a continuous survey of over 5000 households each year. This is supplemented by detailed analyses of trends presented by market research companies, trade journals and in press reports. Changes in the retail environment are also reported to ONS by the price collectors, and together these various sources of information help to ensure that the goods and services that the average household spends its money on are appropriately represented in the inflation baskets.

It is very important to note that the contents of the baskets and, in particular, changes from one year to the next should not be given significance beyond their purpose as representative items used in estimating retail price changes. Changes to the baskets will reflect evolving consumer tastes but only over a long run of years. In any particular year, changes to the baskets will reflect a range of considerations such as practical experience in collecting prices, the desire to improve coverage in high spending areas, or analysis that suggests that estimated price changes could be improved at the margin by varying the number or type of representative items collected. Indeed, within each product grouping there is usually a point at which the exact number and choice of items and the precise weights attached to them becomes a matter of relatively fine judgement. At this detailed level, it is unlikely that such choices would have any significant impact on the consumer price indices. For example, a selection of specific household appliances has been chosen to represent spending on small electrical goods, including irons and kettles. However, other representations would clearly be possible and equally valid.

It should also be noted that the vast majority of the around 700 representative items remain unchanged in 2015. In total, 13 items have been added to the CPI basket, 8 items have been removed and 16 items have been modified in a total of 703 items. The modifications usually relate to where items are priced and how many quotes are collected.

In summary, selection of representative items is based on a number of factors, including:

- Ease of finding and pricing the product.

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<sup>4</sup> Under European regulations, items should be included in the CPI where estimated consumers' expenditure is 1 part per thousand or more of all expenditure covered by the CPI; based on household final consumption data underpinning the calculation of the 2015 CPI weights, this is equivalent to around £800 million.

- Availability throughout the year.
- Variability of prices within a class.
- Analysis of balance across the basket.
- Amount spent on a particular item or the group of items.

## Changes to the baskets in 2015

Changes to the baskets of goods and services this year are being introduced with the February 2015 consumer price inflation statistics published on 24 March 2015. That is, monthly changes in prices between January 2015 and January 2016 are estimated with reference to the updated baskets. The baskets will be updated again at the same time next year.

### Additions

New additions to the baskets in 2015 and those items removed are set out in Tables 2 and 3, together with a brief summary of the motivation for these changes. As the tables make clear, these motivations are diverse. As in previous years, changes to the baskets in 2015 certainly should not be viewed as a simple indicator of those products or services whose popularity has either grown or fallen significantly over the past year. All of the changes made this year affect all of the consumer price indices.

The bullet points below give a brief summary and explanation of the themes behind the changes to the baskets for 2015:

- A number of new items have been introduced to represent specific markets where consumer spending is significant or growing and existing items in the baskets may not adequately represent price changes for such goods. For example, electronic cigarette refills/liquid have been added due to the increase in expenditure as more people are using electronic cigarettes, often as a smoking cessation aid. Speciality beer/ale has been introduced reflecting the increase in shelf space devoted to craft beers produced by speciality and micro-breweries while protein powder has been added to capture the market for sports food supplements.
- As in most years, developments in technology influence the basket updates and in 2015 two products have been introduced that can be seen as reflecting evolving trends towards online services. Firstly, games consoles online subscriptions have been introduced to represent the growing market for online gaming. Similarly, music streaming subscriptions have been included to capture price changes in this sector as it becomes a more popular way to listen to music.
- In addition to introducing items to represent distinct sectors or markets, a number of items have been introduced to diversify the range of products collected for already established groupings, usually where spending is significant. For example, headphones have been added to widen the coverage of audio-visual equipment and reflect spending on audio-visual accessories. Sweet potatoes also have been included to diversify the range of products priced in the vegetables sector. This is an area of the basket where there is much variability in price changes so it is beneficial to collect across as broad a range of items as possible.

- Analysis of the broad balance of the existing sample of representative items across the CPI highlighted a need to improve coverage of price changes for a number of CPI classes. These areas include:
  - Telephone equipment and services (8.2/3) with the addition of mobile phone accessories (such as chargers and cases) to supplement existing handset and phone charges items; and
  - Fresh fruit (1.1.6) where melons have been introduced to broaden coverage in an under-covered class.

In each of these cases, the item has not been added necessarily because spending has increased or because the product is new on the market. It is purely as part of the rebalancing of the basket to improve its representation of overall price change.

- In other cases, the new items are direct replacements for similar products that leave the baskets in 2015. For example, non-white emulsion has replaced white emulsion reflecting the change to using more coloured paint for home decoration. Similarly, chilled pizza replaces frozen pizza as spending on chilled pizzas has risen above spending on the frozen alternative.
- This year, a small number of items have been introduced or modified to anticipate changes to the international classification system (Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose or COICOP) used to divide the CPI and CPIH baskets into product and service groupings. The new system will require most meat products to be classified by animal. As a result, an oven-ready gammon or pork joint is replacing the existing oven-ready joint. Gammon or pork has been chosen as the most practical for price collection purposes. Liver is also being re-introduced (following its removal in the 1999 update) to represent the market for offal which is a proposed subcategory in the revised classification.
- It is important that the review of the baskets considers not just the list of items to be priced, but also where the prices are collected. Chicken Kiev and dishwasher tablets are already included in the baskets but prices have only been collected from the large supermarkets previously. In future they will also be collected from smaller, local retailers reflecting their greater availability from a wider range of retailers. The collection of prices of smaller flat panel television sets is moving in the opposite direction and will in future only be collected in supermarkets.
- The classification of four products and services to the different groups within the CPI and CPIH baskets has also changed this year: flower delivery costs, slimming club fees, clear sticky tape and woodscrews. Taking flower delivery as an example, this item has moved from the “Other services” class to “Gardens, plants and flowers”.

## Removals

As noted earlier, it is important that growth in the overall size of the baskets is limited each year so that production costs and processing times may be contained. A number of items

therefore have been removed from the baskets in 2015 to make space for the new additions. In some cases, this reflects low or decreasing expenditure, such as on satellite navigation devices where smart phone applications are increasingly being used for navigation purposes and some new cars already have built-in devices. In other cases, removal does not necessarily imply that the markets for these goods and services are very small or are declining significantly.

- Some items have been removed to make way for new additions to the baskets within the same product grouping. For example, frozen pizza has been replaced by chilled pizza as spending on chilled pizzas has risen above spending on the frozen alternative. Another example is the change from an oven-ready joint to a gammon or pork oven-ready joint as proposed international classification changes will require the joint to come from a specific animal.
- In some cases a product will still remain represented in the baskets even if there is no longer an explicit item. For example, braising steak has been removed but is still covered by a range of other beef items with beef well represented in the baskets.
- Elsewhere, analysis suggested that there was scope to remove items from certain product groupings without any significant loss of precision in estimates of price changes overall. Within these groupings, those items with relatively low index weights or those items which are variants of others have typically been chosen; examples include yoghurt drink and cut lilies. (The choice of yoghurt drink was also influenced by a fall in expenditure). In each case, it is judged that price changes for these items remain adequately represented by others that remain in the basket. The removal of items and reduction in quotes collected in these cases represents a rebalancing of the basket, helping to offset the expansion of coverage in other product areas.
- Collection issues can also influence changes to the baskets. The European regulations upon which the CPI is based effectively specify that the costs of exchanging currency have to be measured by the commission charged. However, in this country, the number of outlets charging commission has decreased substantially over recent years making collection difficult and less representative of the way in which people exchange money. As a result, currency exchange has been removed from the baskets. Additionally, in this case, people increasingly use bank cards to pay for goods and services whilst abroad. Charges for these services are already covered.

## Other changes

One other change is being introduced with the February index. This follows a review of how owner occupiers' housing costs are measured in CPIH. ["Improvements to the Measurement of Owner Occupiers' Housing Costs and Private Housing Rental Prices"](#) describes improvements to the rental equivalence measure of owner occupiers' housing costs (OOH) used in CPIH. The impact of these improvements is presented within that article.

The revision to the OOH component in CPIH presents ONS with a one-time opportunity to revise the OOH weight in CPIH so that it is aligned with historical National Accounts estimates and reflects planned changes to the methodology for measuring imputed rents

that will be introduced in Blue Book 2016. The revised CPIH series, showing the impact of both revising the OOH series and updating the OOH weights historically, is presented in [“Revising the Weight of Owner Occupiers’ Housing in CPIH”](#). These improvements will be introduced as part of the 2015 annual update of consumer price indices published on 24 March 2015.

As a result of this work, a combined item covering all private rents is being introduced into the consumer price inflation measures to replace separate items for private furnished and private unfurnished rents. The two series have been combined in order to more closely align the private rents component of consumer price inflation with the Index of Private Housing Rental Prices (IPHRP) which is produced using consistent data sources. Previously the consumer price inflation rents components were compiled by weighting together dwelling type splits at a national level. In future, the combined item will be produced by weighting together dwelling type splits at a regional level before aggregating to the national level. This order of aggregation is the same used in the IPHRP. More information on the background to the change was published in the above linked articles.

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**Table 2: Additions to the basket in 2015**

CPI/CPIH Class	RPI/RPIJ Section	New Item	Notes
1.1.1 Bread and Cereals	2129 Other Foods	Chilled pizza	Replaces frozen pizza as spending on chilled pizzas has risen above spending on the frozen alternative.
1.1.2 Meat	2110 Other Meat	Liver	New item. This item has been introduced to represent the market for offal which has not been in the basket since 1999. It also helps meet future proposed changes to European classifications.
1.1.2 Meat	2110 Other Meat	Oven-ready joint, gammon/pork	Replaces an oven-ready joint. The item has been refined to meet proposed European classification changes which will require the joint to come from a specific animal. Gammon/pork has been chosen as the most practical for price collection purposes.
1.1.6 Fruit	2127 Fresh Fruit	Melon	New item. This is an under-covered class. Fruit prices vary greatly so it is beneficial to collect across as broad a range as possible.
1.1.7 Vegetables including Potatoes and Tubers	2125 Fresh Vegetables	Sweet potato	New item. Vegetable prices vary greatly so it is beneficial to collect across as broad a range as possible. Sweet potato represents a market not currently covered in the basket.
1.1.9 Food Products Not Elsewhere Classified	2129 Other Foods	Protein powder	New item. It represents a distinct and growing sector not previously covered within the class.
2.1.3 Beer	3102 Beer "Off" Sales	Speciality beer/ale, bottled	New item. Introduced due to the increase in expenditure and shelf space devoted to speciality/real ales.
2.2.0 Tobacco	3201 Cigarettes	Electronic cigarette refills/liquid	New item. Introduced due to the increase in expenditure as more people are using e-cigarettes as a smoking cessation aid.
4.3.1 Materials for Maintenance and Repair	4106 Do-It-Yourself Materials	Non-white emulsion paint	Replaces white emulsion to reflect the shelf-space allocated to coloured rather than white paint.

8.2/3 Telephone and Telefax Equipment and Services	5201 Personal Articles	Mobile phone accessory	New item. This is an under-covered class and the accessory (such as chargers and cases) has been introduced to represent a significant and growing market.
9.1.1 Equipment for the Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures	6301 Audio-Visual Equipment	Headphones	New item. Introduced to reflect spending on audio-visual equipment accessories.
9.4.1 Recreational and Sporting Services	6402 Entertainment and Other Recreation	Games consoles online subscription services	New item. Introduced to represent the growing market for online gaming.
9.4.2 Cultural Services	6402 Entertainment and Other Recreation	Music streaming subscription services	New item. Introduced to capture price changes in this new sector as it becomes a more popular way to listen to music.

**Table 3: Items removed from the basket in 2015**

(Note: 'low weighted' denotes an item with a CPI weight of less than 0.5 parts per thousand in 2014)

CPI/CPIH Class	RPI/RPIJ Section	Dropped Item	Notes
1.1.1 Bread and Cereals	2129 Other Foods	Frozen pizza	Replaced by chilled pizza as spending on chilled pizza has risen above spending on the frozen alternative.
1.1.2 Meat	2104 Beef	Home killed beef, braising steak	Removed due to low coverage since it's unavailable in many outlets. Beef is well represented within the category and this item's removal creates space for offal in the basket.
1.1.2 Meat	2110 Other Meat	Oven-ready joint	Replaced by a gammon/pork oven-ready joint as proposed European classification changes will require the joint to come from a specific animal.
1.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2118 Milk Products	Yoghurt drink	Removed from an over-covered section due to falling sales.
4.3.1 Materials for Maintenance and Repair	4106 Do-It-Yourself Materials	White emulsion paint	Replaced by non-white emulsion to reflect the shelf-space allocated to coloured rather than white paint.
7.2.1 Spare Parts and Accessories	6301 Audio-Visual Equipment	Satellite navigation device	Removed. Expenditure on this item is falling due to smart phones increasingly being used for this purpose and some new cars having built-in satellite navigation devices.
9.3.3 Gardens, Plants and Flowers	6305 Gardening Products	Cut flowers, lilies	Removed. Over-covered area of the basket and flowers are still represented by the spray carnations.
12.6.2 Other Financial Services Not Elsewhere Classified	4402 Fees and Subscriptions	Foreign exchange commission	The European regulations on which CPI is based specify foreign exchange costs have to be measured by the commission charged but commission is generally not charged in the UK. Additionally, people increasingly use bank cards to buy goods and services abroad, and charges for these services are included elsewhere in the basket.

## ANNEX A: CONSUMER PRICES INDEX (CPI) AND CPIH: REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS IN 2015

### 01.1 Food

#### 01.1.1 Bread and Cereals

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced	
Large wholemeal loaf	Bread rolls
Garlic bread	Flour
Rice	Pasta
Breakfast cereals	Various selected biscuits
Corn based snacks	Doughnuts
Sponge cakes	Crackers
Pack of individual cakes	Chilled pizza
Fruit pies	Dehydrated noodles/pasta
Chocolate wafers	Cereal bars
Hot oat cereal	

#### 01.1.2 Meat

##### Beef

Rump steak	Topside
Mince	Frozen burgers

##### Lamb

Loin chops	Shoulder
Leg	

##### Pork

Loin chops	Back bacon
Gammon	Oven-ready joint

##### Chicken

Fresh/chilled whole chicken	Fresh chicken breasts
Frozen chicken breasts	Rotisserie cooked hot whole chicken

##### Other Meats

Pork sausages	Meat pies
Cooked meats – eg ham	Fresh turkey steaks
Canned meats	Frozen chicken nuggets
Chicken kiev	Liver
Continental deli type meat	

#### 01.1.3 Fish

Fresh white fish fillets	Fresh salmon fillets
Canned tuna	Fish fingers
Frozen prawns	Frozen breaded/battered white fish

#### 01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs

Full-fat and semi-skimmed milk – shop-bought and delivered	
Flavoured milk	Fresh cream
Yoghurt	Fromage frais
Chilled pot dessert	Various sized eggs
Cheddar – home-produced	Edam
Parmesan	Soft continental cheese
Other regional cheeses	Cheese spread
Powdered baby formula	

01.1.5 Oils and Fats

Margarine/low fat spread	Olive oil
Block butter	Spreadable butter

01.1.6 Fruit

Cooking apples	Dessert apples
Pears	Bananas
Strawberries	Grapes
Oranges	Grapefruit
Avocado pears	Peaches/nectarines
Kiwi fruit	Organic fruit
Various canned fruits	Salted/roasted peanuts
Plums	Small oranges
Dried fruit	Pineapple
Blueberries	Fresh fruit snacking pot
Melon	

01.1.7 Vegetables

Loose and pre-packed potatoes – old, new and baking varieties	
Crisps – single and multi-packs	Peppers
Frozen chips	Fresh tomatoes
Cabbage	Cauliflower
Carrots	Mushrooms
Onions	Lettuce
Cucumbers	Canned baked beans
Organic vegetables	Broccoli
Canned tomatoes	Courgettes
Canned sweetcorn	Frozen peas
Vegetarian burger/grills	Vegetable pickle
Pre-packed salad	Vegetable stir fry
Sweet Potato	

01.1.8 Sugar, Jam, Syrups, Chocolate and Confectionery

Sugar	Various jams
Honey	Ice cream
Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates, gum and mints	

01.1.9 Food Products (not elsewhere classified)

Soup	Ready cooked meals
Various sauces – eg tomato sauce, mayonnaise	
Protein powder	

**01.2 Non - Alcoholic Beverages**

01.2.1 Coffee, Tea and Cocoa

Tea bags	Ground coffee
Instant coffee	Hot chocolate drink

01.2.2 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks and Juices

Various pure fruit juices	Squashes
Fruit drink	Fruit smoothie
Mineral water	Cola
Lemonade	Various fizzy drinks
Mixer drinks	Energy drinks

**02.1 Alcoholic Beverages (Off Sales)**

02.1.1 Spirits

Whisky	Vodka
Brandy	Spirit based drinks
Rum	

02.1.2 Wine

Bottled white wine	Bottled red wine
Bottled rose wine	Fortified wine
Sparkling wine	Champagne
Bottled cider	

02.1.3 Beer

Canned lager	Canned bitter
Bottled lager	Canned stout
Bottled speciality beer/ale	

**02.2 Tobacco**

Selected brand cigarettes	Hand rolling tobacco
Mentholated cigarettes	Cigars
Electronic cigarette refills/liquid	

**03.1 Clothing**

03.1.2 Garments

Men's Clothing

Suit	Coat
Trousers – formal, casual	Casual jacket
Jumper	Jeans
Various shirts	T shirt
Tracksuit bottom	Branded sports sweatshirt
Shorts	Replica football team shirt
Underwear	Socks

Women's Clothing

Blouse	Skirt – formal, casual
Dress	Trousers – formal, casual
Jeans	T shirt
Top	Shorts
Cardigan	Jacket – formal, casual
Coat	Jumper
Rainwear	Swimwear
Underwear	Tights
Nightwear	

Children's Clothing

Schoolwear – trousers, skirt	Tops – sports and fashion
Jumper/sweatshirt	Jeans
Underwear	Jacket
Pyjamas	Socks
Babygro/sleepsuit	Trousers

03.1.3 Other Clothing and Clothing Accessories

Man's tie	Knitting wool
Lady's scarf	

03.1.4 Cleaning, Repair and Hire of Clothing

Dry-cleaning Men's clothing hire

**03.2 Footwear Including Repairs**

Shoes – formal, school, casual and fashion

Boots – formal, fashion and walking/hiking boot

Training shoes Sandals

**04.1 Actual Rents for Housing**

Private furnished and unfurnished rent Local authority rent

Registered social landlord (RSL) rent UK holiday accommodation (self-catered)

**04.2 Owner occupiers housing costs (only in CPIH)**

Imputed rent in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

**04.3 Regular Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling**

04.3.1 Materials for Maintenance and Repair

Ready mixed filler Wallpaper

Varnish Paint

Emulsion Paintbrush

Ceramic tiles Shower head

Medium density fibreboard (MDF) Softwood

04.3.2 Services for Maintenance and Repair

Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators

**04.4 Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services for the Dwelling**

04.4.1 Water Supply

Average water charges

04.4.3 Sewerage Collection

Average sewerage and environmental charges

**04.5 Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels**

04.5.1 Electricity

Average of the electricity companies' tariffs

04.5.2 Gas

Average of the gas companies' tariffs Butane gas

04.5.3 Liquid Fuels

Kerosene

04.5.4 Solid Fuels

Coal Smokeless fuel

**05.1 Furniture, Furnishings and Carpets**

05.1.1 Furniture and Furnishings

Dining room furniture – eg table, chairs

Bedroom furniture – eg wardrobe, beds, chest of drawers

Living room furniture – eg armchair, sofa bed, leather settee, bookcase, table lamp

Kitchen furniture – various kitchen units

Office furniture – home office desk

Outdoor furniture – patio set

05.1.2 Carpets and Other Floor Coverings

Selected carpets	Laminate floor covering
Rug	

**05.2 Household Textiles**

Curtains	Fabric roller blind
Duvet	Duvet cover
Bed sheet	Towels

**05.3 Household Appliances, Fitting and Repairs**

05.3.1/2 Major Appliances and Small Electrical Appliances

Cooker – electric	Cooker – gas
Fridge/freezer	Dishwasher
Vacuum cleaner	Washing machine
Gas Fire	
Selected small appliances – eg iron, kettle, fan heater, electric fan	

05.3.3 Repair of Household Appliances

Electrical service charges	Washing machine repair
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**05.4 Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils**

Kitchen equipment – eg pans, scissors, plastic food container  
 Tableware – eg crockery set, cutlery set  
 Glassware – eg tumbler  
 Flower vase

**05.5 Tools and Equipment for House and Garden**

Battery	Light bulb
Lawnmower	Other gardening equipment – eg spade
Power tools – eg hammer drill	Other tools – eg screwdriver
Door handle	Power point
Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner	

**05.6 Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance**

05.6.1 Non-Durable Household Goods

Washing powder	Washing-up liquid
Dishwasher tablets	Aluminium foil
Bin liners	Household cleaner cream/liquid
Fabric conditioner	Bleach
Kitchen roll	Clear sticky tape
Woodscrews	

05.6.2 Domestic Services and Household Services

Domestic help fees	Window cleaning fees
Nanny fees	

**06.1 Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment**

06.1.1 Pharmaceutical Products

NHS prescription charges	Multi-vitamins tablets
Selected medicines – eg indigestion tablets, aspirin, packets of cold/flu drink powder, allergy tablets	

06.1.2/3 Other Medical and Therapeutic Products

Condoms	Plasters
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Spectacle frames  
Contact lenses

Prescription lenses

### 06.2 Out-Patient Services

06.2.1/3 Medical Services and Paramedical Services

Non NHS medical services – eg physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine

06.2.2 Dental Services

NHS dental charges

Private dental examination

### 06.3 Hospital Services

Hospital charges, including private surgery fees

Nursing home fees

### 07.1 Purchase of Vehicles

07.1.1a New Cars

New cars

07.1.1b Second Hand Cars

Second hand cars

07.1.2/3 Motorcycles and Bicycles

Motorcycles

Bicycles

### 07.2 Operation of Personal Transport Equipment

07.2.1 Spare Parts and Accessories

Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blade, battery, tyres, bulbs

07.2.2 Fuels and Lubricants

Ultra low sulphur petrol

Ultra low sulphur diesel

Motor oil

07.2.3 Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs

Car service

Labour charge for vehicle repairs

Car wash

Roadside recovery services

Exhaust/brake fitting at fast fit auto centre

07.2.4 Other Services

MOT test fees

Car park charges

Driving lesson fees

Driving test fees

Road tolls

Self-drive car and van hire charges

Vehicle excise duty

### 07.3 Transport Services

07.3.1 Passenger Transport by Railway

UK rail fares

London transport fares

Euro Tunnel fares

Other underground/metro fares

07.3.2 Passenger Transport by Road

Bus fares

Minicab fares

Coach fares

Taxi fares

Charge for home removals

07.3.3 Passenger Transport by Air

Air fares

07.3.4 Passenger Transport by Sea and Inland Waterway  
Various ferry and sea fares

**08.1 Postal Services**

Postal charges

**08.2/3 Telephone and Telefax Equipment and Services**

Telephone	Mobile phone handset
Smart phone handset	Mobile phone charges – PAYG and contract
Fixed line telephone charges	Cost of directory enquiries
Subscription to the internet	Mobile phone applications
Bundled communication services	Mobile phone accessory

**09.1 Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products**

09.1.1 Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures

DVD player	Audio systems
Blu-ray disc player	Digital (DAB) radio
Flat panel televisions	Personal MP4 player
Digital television recorder/receiver	Headphones

09.1.2 Photographic, Cinematographic and Optical Equipment

Digital compact camera	Interchangeable lens digital camera
Digital camcorder	

09.1.3 Data Processing Equipment

PCs – desktop and laptop	PC peripherals
Tablet computer	

09.1.4 Recording Media

CDs, including CDs purchased over the internet	
Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the internet	
Pre-recorded Blu-ray discs, including discs purchased over the internet	
Recordable CD	Selected CD-ROMs
Rewritable DVD	Music downloads
Portable digital storage device	

09.1.5 Repair of Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products

Various electrical equipment repair charges - eg PC

**09.2 Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture**

09.2.1/2 Major Durables for In/Outdoor Recreation including Musical Instruments

Caravans	Boats
Acoustic guitar	Livery charges
Water sports equipment – eg windsurfing equipment	

**09.3 Other Recreational Items, Gardens and Pets**

09.3.1 Games, Toys and Hobbies

Various toys - eg soft toys, construction toys, activity toys, dolls, electronic educational toys	
Child's swing	Child's tricycle
Computer games, including games purchased over the internet	
Computer games console	Board game
Craft kit	

09.3.2 Equipment for Sport and Open Air Recreation

Sports equipment - eg golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots  
Sleeping bag Barbecue

09.3.3 Gardens, Plants and Flowers

Selected varieties of plants, cut flowers, seeds and including flowers purchased over the internet  
Compost Plant food  
Flower delivery

09.3.4/5 Pets, Related Products and Services

Cat and dog food – moist and dry Wild bird seed  
Small pet – eg hamster Animal cage  
Dog kennel boarding fees Annual booster injection

**09.4 Recreational and Cultural Services**

09.4.1 Recreational and Sporting Services

Fees for leisure evening classes Private health club/gym membership  
Charges for exercise classes Swimming pool admissions  
Ten-pin bowling session Golf green fees  
Football match admissions Horseracing admissions  
Admission to other attractions Games consoles online subscriptions

09.4.2 Cultural Services

DVD rental/video on demand subscription services  
Digital TV subscriptions Rental of various types of TV  
Television licence Digital photo processing  
Music streaming subscriptions  
Admission to cinemas, theatres, live music, night-clubs, historic monuments and other cultural events

**09.5 Books, Newspapers and Stationery**

09.5.1 Books

Adult, teenage and children's fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books  
Reference books eBooks

09.5.2 Newspapers and Periodicals

National daily newspapers Sunday newspapers  
Provincial newspapers Periodicals

09.5.3/4 Miscellaneous Printed Matter, Stationery, Drawing Materials

Ball point pen Envelopes  
Wrapping paper Greeting card  
Printer paper Inkjet cartridge

**09.6 Package Holidays**

Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types, including late-booked holidays  
UK holidays covering a range of accommodation and holiday types but excluding self-catering

**10.0 Education**

Private school fees Evening classes  
International student fees UK university tuition fees

## 11.1 Catering Services

### 11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes

#### Restaurants

Restaurant main course	Restaurant sweet course
Restaurant cup of coffee	Pub hot meals
Pub hot/cold snack	Burger in bun – eat in
In store cafeteria meal	Muffin

#### Take-Aways and Snacks

Fish and chips	Pasty/savoury pie
Burger in bun – take-away	Kebab
Chicken and chips	Tea
Coffee latte	Soft drink
Ethnic take-away	Sandwich
Vending machine fizzy drink	Pizza delivery/take-away
Cinema popcorn	Crisps

#### Beer On Sales

Draught bitter	Draught lager
Draught stout	Draught/bottled cider
Bottled lager	

#### Wines and Spirits On Sales

Whisky	Vodka
Wine	Spirit based drink
Liqueurs	Mixer

#### Soft drinks

Fizzy drinks	Fruit juice
Bottled mineral water	

#### Catering

Cost of catering for a function	On board catering
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### 11.1.2 Canteens

Staff restaurant main course	Staff restaurant sandwich
Staff restaurant hot snack	Staff restaurant soft drink
Prices for school meals	

## 11.2 Accommodation Services

Youth Hostel Association	Halls of residence
Other accommodation services	

## 12.1 Personal Care

### 12.1.1 Hairdressing and Personal Grooming Establishments

Hairdressing fees	Full leg wax
Basic manicure	Slimming club fees

### 12.1.2/3 Appliances and Products for Personal Care

Electrical hair straighteners/tongs	Electric razor
Toilet roll	Tissues
Disposable nappies	Toothbrush
Tampons	Baby wipes
Various cosmetics – eg lip gloss, face cream, perfume, mascara, liquid foundation	
Toiletries - eg toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream/lotion, liquid soap, hair conditioner	

**12.3 Personal Effects** (not elsewhere classified)

12.3.1 Jewellery, Clocks and Watches

Watch	Watch battery replacement
Various items of personal jewellery - eg gold chain, solid gold ring, diamond solitaire ring, sterling silver earrings, fashion earrings, fashion necklace	

12.3.2 Other Personal Effects

Umbrella	Handbag
Luggage – trolley case	Picture/photo frame
Push chair	

**12.4 Social Protection**

Residential home fees	In home care assistants' fees
Local authority supported residents in retirement homes	
Childminder fees	Nursery fees
Playgroup fees	

**12.5 Insurance**

12.5.2 House Contents Insurance

Home contents insurance premiums	Household services maintenance policy
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12.5.3 Health Insurance

Dental insurance	Pet insurance
Subscriptions to private medical plans	

12.5.4 Transport Insurance

Vehicle insurance	Holiday insurance
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**12.6 Financial Services** (not elsewhere classified)

12.6.2 Other Financial Services

Mortgage arrangement fees	Various bank charges – eg overdraft fees
Unit trust fees and commissions	Stockbrokers' fees
Money transfer fees	Credit card fees

**12.7 Other Services** (not elsewhere classified)

Charges for advertisements in newspapers	
Solicitors' fees – including will drafting fee	
Fee for birth and death certificates	Marriage licences
Passport fees	Cost of basic funeral/cremation
Home delivery charges	Self-storage fees
Surveyors' fee for house valuation	Dating agency fees
Trade union and professional organization subscriptions	

**ANNEX B: RETAIL PRICES INDEX (RPI) AND RPIJ: REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS IN 2015**

**Food**

Bread

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced	Bread rolls
Large wholemeal loaf	Garlic bread

Cereals

Flour	Rice
Pasta	Breakfast cereals
Corn based snacks	Cereal bars
Hot oat cereal	

Biscuits and Cakes

Various selected biscuits	Doughnuts
Sponge cakes	Pack of individual cakes
Fruit pies	Crackers
Chocolate wafers	

Beef

Rump steak	Topside
Mince	Frozen beefburgers

Home-Killed Lamb

Loin chops	Shoulder
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Imported Lamb

Leg

Pork

Loin chops

Bacon

Gammon	Back
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Poultry

Fresh/chilled chicken	Fresh chicken breasts
Frozen chicken breasts	Fresh turkey steaks
Rotisserie cooked hot whole chicken	

Other Meat

Pork sausages	Cooked meats – eg ham
Meat pies	Canned meats
Frozen chicken nuggets	Chicken kiev
Oven-ready joint	Continental deli type meat
Liver	

Fresh Fish

White fish fillets	Salmon fillets
Frozen prawns	

Processed Fish

Canned tuna	Fish fingers
Frozen breaded/battered white fish	

Butter

Block butter	Spreadable butter
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Oils and Fats	
Margarine/low fat spread	Olive oil
Cheese	
Cheddar - home-produced	Parmesan
Edam	Soft continental cheese
Other regional cheeses	Cheese spread
Eggs	
Various sized eggs	
Milk	
Full-fat and semi-skimmed milk - shop-bought and delivered	
Flavoured milk	
Milk Products	
Fresh cream	Yoghurt
Chilled pot dessert	Fromage frais
Powdered baby formula	
Tea	
Tea bags	
Coffee and Other Hot Drinks	
Ground coffee	Instant coffee
Hot chocolate drink	
Soft Drinks	
Various pure fruit juices	Squashes
Fruit drink	Fruit smoothie
Mineral water	Cola
Lemonade	Various fizzy drinks
Mixer drinks	Energy drinks
Sugar and Preserves	
Sugar	Various jams
Honey	
Sweets and Chocolates	
Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates, gum and mints	
Unprocessed Potatoes	
Loose and pre-packed potatoes – old, new and baking varieties	
Potato Products	
Crisps - single and multi-packs	
Frozen chips	
Fresh Vegetables	
Fresh tomatoes	Cabbage
Cauliflower	Carrots
Mushrooms	Onions
Lettuce	Cucumbers
Courgettes	Organic vegetables
Broccoli	Peppers
Pre-packed salad	Vegetable stir fry
Sweet potato	
Processed Vegetables	
Canned tomatoes	Canned baked beans

Canned sweetcorn	Frozen peas
<b>Fresh Fruit</b>	
Cooking apples	Dessert apples
Pears	Bananas
Strawberries	Grapes
Oranges	Grapefruit
Avocado pears	Peaches/nectarines
Kiwi fruit	Organic fruit
Small oranges	Plums
Pineapple	Blueberries
Fresh fruit snacking pot	Melon
<b>Processed Fruit</b>	
Various canned fruits	Salted/roasted peanuts
Dried fruit	
<b>Other Foods</b>	
Soup	Ready cooked meals
Various sauces – eg tomato sauce, mayonnaise, pickle	
Other convenience foods – eg chilled pizzas, dehydrated noodles/pasta	
Ice cream	Protein powder
<b>Catering</b>	
<b>Restaurant Meals</b>	
Restaurant main course	Restaurant sweet course
Restaurant cup of coffee	Pub hot meal
Pub hot/cold snack	Burger in bun
In store cafeteria meal	Fizzy drinks
Fruit juice	Bottled mineral water
On board catering	Muffin
<b>Canteen Meals</b>	
Staff restaurant main course	Staff restaurant sandwich
Staff restaurant hot snack	Staff restaurant soft drink
Prices for school meals	
<b>Take-Aways and Snacks</b>	
Fish and chips	Pasty/savoury pie
Burger in bun	Kebab
Chicken and chips	Sandwich
Tea	Coffee latte
Vending machine drink	Soft drink
Ethnic take-away	Pizza delivery/take-away
Cinema popcorn	Crisps
<b>Alcoholic Drink</b>	
<b>Beer On Sales</b>	
Draught bitter	Draught lager
Draught stout	Draught/bottled cider
Bottled lager	
<b>Beer Off Sales</b>	
Canned lager	Canned bitter
Bottled cider	Bottled lager
Canned stout	Bottled speciality beer/ale
<b>Wines and Spirits On Sales</b>	
Whisky	Vodka
Wine	Spirit based drink

Liqueurs	Mixer
Wines and Spirits Off Sales	
Whisky	Vodka
Brandy	Bottled white wine
Bottled red wine	Champagne
Fortified wine	Bottled rose wine
Spirit based drink	Sparkling wine
Rum	
<b>Tobacco</b>	
Cigarettes	
Selected brands	Mentholated
Electronic cigarette refills/liquids	
Other Tobacco	
Cigars	Hand rolling tobacco
<b>Housing</b>	
Rent	
Private furnished and unfurnished rent	Local authority rent
Registered Social Landlord (RSL) rent	
Mortgage Interest	
Average interest payments (estimated/modelled)	
Depreciation	
Depreciation costs proxy (price index for houses purchased with a mortgage)	
Council Tax	
Average council tax bills for households in Great Britain	
Average rates bills in Northern Ireland	
Water and Other Charges	
Average water charges	
Average sewerage and environmental charges	
Repairs and Maintenance Charges	
Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators	
DIY Materials	
Ready mixed filler	Wallpaper
Varnish	Paint
Paint brush	Emulsion
Power tools - eg hammer drill	Other tools - eg screwdriver
Door handle	Shower head
Power point	Ceramic tiles
Softwood	Medium density fibreboard(MDF)
Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner	Woodscrews
Dwelling Insurance and Ground Rent	
Dwelling insurance premiums	
Ground rent proxy (price index for houses purchased with a mortgage)	
<b>Fuel and Light</b>	
Coal and Solid Fuels	
Coal	Smokeless fuel
Electricity	
Average of the electricity companies' tariffs	

Gas

Average of the gas companies' tariffs

Oil and Other Fuels

Butane gas

Kerosene

**Household Goods**

Furniture

Dining room furniture – eg table, chairs

Bedroom furniture – eg wardrobe, beds, chest of drawers

Living room furniture – eg armchair, sofa bed, leather settee, bookcase, table lamp

Kitchen furniture – various kitchen units

Office furniture – home office desk

Outdoor furniture – patio set

Furnishings

Selected carpets

Laminate floor covering

Curtains

Duvet cover

Towels

Rug

Fabric roller blind

Duvet

Bed sheet

Electrical Appliances

Cooker – electric

Fridge/freezer

Vacuum cleaner

Mobile phone handset

Selected small appliances – eg iron, kettle, fan heater, electric fan

Personal appliances – eg electric razor, electric hair straighteners/tongs

Washing machine

Dishwasher

Telephone

Smart phone handset

Other Household Equipment

Cooker - gas

Kitchen equipment - eg pans, scissors, plastic food container

Tableware - eg crockery set, cutlery set

Glassware - eg tumbler

Gas fire

Household Consumables

Washing powder

Dishwasher tablets

Aluminium foil

Kitchen roll

Bin liners

Bleach

Ball point pen

Envelopes

Printer paper

Clear sticky tape

Washing-up liquid

Light bulb

Toilet roll

Fabric conditioner

Household cleaner cream/liquid

Battery

Wrapping paper

Greeting card

Inkjet cartridge

Pet Care

Cat and dog food – moist and dry

Small pet – eg hamster

Dog kennel boarding fees

Wild bird seed

Animal cage

Annual booster injection

**Household Services**

Postal Charges

Charges for letters, parcels, postal orders

Telephone Charges

Fixed line telephone charges

Mobile phone charges – PAYG and contract

Cost of directory enquiries  
Subscription to the internet

Mobile phone applications  
Bundled communication services

**Domestic Services**

Domestic help fees  
Childminder fees  
Playgroup fees  
Dry-cleaning charges  
Home delivery charges  
Self-storage fees  
Various electrical equipment repair charges - eg washing machine, PC  
Cost of catering for a function  
Men's clothing hire

In home care assistants' fees  
Nanny fees  
Window cleaning fees  
Driving lesson fees  
Charge for home removals  
Electrical service charges  
Watch battery replacement

**Fees and Subscriptions**

Trade union and professional organisation subscriptions  
Estate agents' fees  
House conveyancing fees  
Charge for home buyers' survey  
Fee for birth and death certificates  
Passport fees  
Money transfer fees  
Private school fees  
Evening classes  
Dating agency fees  
Pet insurance  
Mortgage arrangement fees  
Charges for advertisements in newspapers

Surveyors' fee for house valuation  
Home contents insurance premiums  
Marriage licences  
Various bank charges - eg overdraft fees  
Driving test fees  
UK university tuition fees  
Solicitors' fees – including will drafting  
Cost of basic funeral/cremation  
Nursery fees  
Credit card fees  
Household services maintenance policy

**Clothing and Footwear**

**Men's Outerwear**

Suit  
Trousers - formal, casual  
Jumper  
Various shirts  
Tracksuit bottom  
Shorts

Coat  
Casual jacket  
Jeans  
T shirt  
Branded sports sweatshirt  
Replica football team shirt

**Women's Outerwear**

Blouse  
Dress  
Jeans  
Top  
Cardigan  
Coat  
Rainwear

Skirt - formal, casual  
Trousers - formal, casual  
T shirt  
Shorts  
Jacket - formal, casual  
Jumper  
Swimwear

**Children's Outerwear**

Schoolwear – trousers, skirt  
Jeans  
Jacket  
Trousers

Tops – sports and fashion  
Jumper/sweatshirt  
Babygro/sleepsuit

**Other Clothing**

Underwear – eg pants and bra  
Tights  
Man's tie  
Knitting wool

Socks  
Nightwear – eg nightdress/pyjamas  
Lady's scarf

Footwear

Shoes – formal, school, casual and fashion	
Boots – formal, fashion and walking/hiking boot	
Training shoes	Sandals

**Personal Goods and Services**

Personal Articles

Umbrella	Handbag
Watch	Spectacle frames
Prescription lenses	Contact lenses
Luggage – trolley case	Flower vase
Picture/photo frame	Wall hanging mirror
Mobile phone accessory	
Various items of personal jewellery – eg gold chain, solid gold ring, diamond solitaire ring, sterling silver earrings, fashion earrings, fashion necklace	

Chemists' Goods

NHS prescription charges	Multi-vitamins tablets
Condoms	Tampons
Disposable nappies	Tissues
Baby wipes	
Selected medicines and surgical goods - eg indigestion tablets, aspirin, packets of cold/flu drink powder, plasters, allergy tablets	
Toiletries - eg toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, hair conditioner, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream/lotion, liquid soap	
Various cosmetics - eg face cream, perfume, mascara, liquid foundation, lip gloss	

Personal Services

Hairdressing charges	Full leg wax
Basic manicure	NHS dental charges
Private dental examination	Dental insurance
Subscriptions to private medical plans	Private surgery fees
Non NHS medical services – eg physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine	
Residential and nursing home fees	Slimming club fees
Flower delivery	

**Motoring Expenditure**

Purchase of Motor Vehicles

Second hand cars	New cars
Motorcycles	Caravans

Maintenance of Motor Vehicles

Car service	MOT test fees
Roadside recovery services	Car wash
Exhaust/brake fitting at fast fit auto centre	
Labour charge for vehicle repairs	
Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blade, battery, tyres, bulbs	

Petrol and Oil

Ultra low sulphur petrol	Ultra low sulphur diesel
Motor oil	

Vehicle Tax and Insurance

Vehicle excise duty	Vehicle insurance
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**Fares and Other Travel Costs**

Rail Fares

UK rail fares	London transport fares
Euro Tunnel fares	Other underground/metro fares

Bus and Coach Fares

Bus fares

Coach fares

Other Travel Costs

Taxi fares

Minicab fares

Self-drive car and van hire charges

Various ferry and sea fares

Air fares

Road tolls

Other means of transport - eg bicycles, boats

Car park charges

Push chair

**Leisure Goods**

Audio-Visual Equipment

Flat panel televisions

DVD player

Digital (DAB) radio

Audio systems

Personal MP4 player

PCs – desktop and laptop

PC peripherals

Headphones

Blu-ray disc player

Digital television recorder/receiver

Tablet computer

CDs and Tapes

Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the internet

CDs, including CDs purchased over the internet

Pre recorded Blu-ray discs, including discs purchased over the internet

Recordable CD

Selected CD-ROMs

Rewritable DVD

Music downloads

Toys, Photographic and Sports Goods

Various toys – eg soft toys, construction toys, activity toys, dolls, electronic educational toys

Computer games, including games purchased over the internet

Board game

Computer games console

Digital compact camera

Interchangeable lens digital camera

Digital camcorder

Digital photo processing

Portable digital storage device

Child's swing

Child's tricycle

Acoustic guitar

Barbecue

Sleeping bag

Craft kit

Sports equipment – eg golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots

Water sports equipment – eg windsurfing equipment

Books and Newspapers

Adult, teenage and children's fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books

Reference books

Periodicals

National daily newspapers

Sunday newspapers

Provincial newspapers

eBooks

Gardening Products

Compost

Plant food

Lawnmower

Other garden equipment - eg spade

Selected varieties of plants, cut flowers, seeds and including flowers purchased over the internet

**Leisure Services**

TV Licences and Rentals

Television licence fees

Rental of various types of TV

Digital TV subscriptions

DVD rental/video on demand subscription services

Entertainment and Other Recreation

Fees for leisure evening classes

Charges for exercise classes

Private health club/gym membership

Night-club admission

Ten-pin bowling session

Golf green fees

Games consoles online subscription services

Admission to cinemas, theatres, live music, football matches, historic monuments, swimming pools and other attractions

Horse racing admissions

Livery charges

Music streaming subscriptions

#### Foreign Holidays

Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types, including late-booked holidays

Holiday insurance

#### UK Holidays

Youth Hostel Association

UK holidays covering a range of accommodation and holiday types