

DISABILITY BENEFITS CHECKLIST

RATES ACCURATE BETWEEN APRIL 2008 – MARCH 2009

BENEFIT	PERIOD	HOW TO QUALIFY	AGE LIMIT	MEANS TESTED?	AFFECTS OTHER BENEFIT	TAXABLE	AMOUNTS	
							Single Person	Adult Dependant Additions
STATUTORY SICK PAY (SSP)	First 28 weeks of sickness	Paid by employer to employees earning over £87 p.w. No NI conditions	16–65	No	Yes	Yes	£75.40 (No increase for dependants)	–
INCAPACITY BENEFIT (ICB) Short term lower rate Short term higher rate Long term rate From October 2008 Employment Support Allowance will replace ICB for new claimants with different rates and qualifying criteria	1st 28 wks sickness 29–52 wks sickness 53 weeks sickness	Paid sufficient NI contributions and no SSP entitlement, incapable of work. Incapable of work and pass Personal Capability Assessment. Incapable of work for 52 weeks. Available on a non contributory basis for people incapable of work aged 16–20 (up to age 25 if full-time student).	16–60 women 16–65 men	No	Yes	Yes from 29 weeks	£63.75 £75.40 £84.50 £81.10 £84.50	£39.40 £39.40 £50.55 £48.65 £50.55 Age Additions at 52 weeks: Under 35 – £17.75 35–44 – £8.90
INDUSTRIAL INJURIES (IIDB) or WAR PENSIONS	As long as disability lasts	Long term disablement resulting from industrial injury or disease or injury/disease acquired whilst in the Forces. (For injuries/illness acquired after April 2005 claim Armed Forces compensation).	16+	No	Yes	No	Amount depends on degree of disability. Various supplements paid inc. (1) Reduced Earnings Allowance (if Ind. Injury occurred before Oct. 1990). (2) Unemployability Supplement. Max DB – £136.80 (100%).	
CARER'S ALLOWANCE (CA)	As long as need exists	Caring for person on AA/DLA middle or higher care component for 35 hours a week or more. Earning no more than £95 per week (this amount may increase in October 2008).	16+	No	Yes	Yes	£50.55	£30.20
ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE (AA)	As long as disability lasts	Person needs "frequent attention" or "constant supervision" by day +/- "prolonged or repeated attention" or someone awake to supervise by night.	65+	No	No	No	2 rates – £67.00 higher rate £44.85 lower rate	
DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE (DLA) a. Mobility component b. Care component Either or both components can be claimed	As long as disability lasts As long as need for care/supervision exist	1. Unable or virtually unable to walk. 2. Exertion required to walk could be risk to health. 3. Severe behavioural problem due to mental disability and on highest rate care. 4. Needs guidance or supervision out of doors from another person. 1. Person needs frequent care or a lot of supervision during the day and night. 2. Has a terminal illness 3. Needs frequent care or continual supervision during the day or night. 4. Needs care during the day or night but not all day or all night. 5. Cannot prepare a main meal of the day.	3–65 Higher Rate 5–65 Lower Rate Birth – 65	No No	No No	No No	2 rates – £46.75 higher £17.75 lower 3 rates – £67.00 higher £44.85 middle £17.75 lower	
WORKING TAX CREDIT (WTC)		Working at least 16 hours per week and have a disability which puts you at a disadvantage in getting a job. Must have recently been or are receiving a sickness or disability benefit.	16+	Yes	Yes	No	Depends on earnings and level of disability.	
CHILD TAX CREDIT (CTC)		A higher rate payable for a child with a disability. Further addition if the disability is severe.	0–18	Yes	Yes	No	WTC and CTC contain a range of disability elements that increase the total amount of credit a household is entitled to.	

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INCOME SUPPORT (IS) PENSION CREDIT	As long as sickness/disablement lasts	Income below Income Support "applicable amounts". Under £16,000 capital. Not working more than 16 hours per week – capital tariff £1 per £250 over £6,000 Capital tariff £1 per £500 over £6,000. No upper capital limit. Income compared to 'appropriate' amounts N.B. Different capital limits for claimants in long term residential/nursing care.	16+ 60+ 65+ Savings Credit	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	No No	Personal Allowance – £ Single: Under 18 47.95 18–24 47.95 25 or over 60.50 Lone Parent: Under 18 47.95 18 or over 60.50 Couple: Both under 18 47.95/72.35 One over 18 47.95/60.50 Both over 18 94.95
EXTRA INCOME SUPPORT (IS) HOUSING BENEFIT (HB) COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT (CTB) PENSION CREDIT (from Oct 2008 income based Employment and Support Allowance will replace Income Support for people not able to work)	As long as sickness/disablement lasts	Claimant/partner gets DLA/AA or non contributory Incapacity Benefit; or dependent child gets DLA, or reg. blind; or claimant incapable of work for 52 weeks. Carer – is entitled to Carer's Allowance or has 'underlying entitlement' and disabled person not in receipt of Severe Disability premium/addition.	–	Yes	No	No	Extra "premiums" are used in the calculation of PC, IS, HB & CTB Disabled: Single £25.85 (not PC) Couple £36.85 Severe Disability: Single/1 qualifies £50.35 Both qualify £100.70 Enhanced Disability Single £12.60 (not PC) Couple £18.15 Carers £27.75
COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME	As long as disabled person is resident	Liable person claims reduction if home has facilities for disabled person, e.g. 2nd bathroom/kitchen or floorspace for wheelchair	Any age	No	No	–	Council Tax bill reduced to that payable in the valuation band below the one originally allocated. If property in Band A – Bill is reduced by 1/9 of the charge for a property in Band D
COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNTS		1. Person has a severe <i>mental impairment</i> and getting AA, DLA (middle or higher care), ICB, non contributory Incapacity Benefit, IS, with disability premium 2. Person living with and cares for a disabled person over 18 for 35 hours per week who gets highest rate AA or DLA care + he/she is not their partner	Any age	No	No	–	1. Up to 100% discount on Council Tax bill. 2. Up to 50% discount on Council Tax bill.
EQUIPMENT AND ADAPTATIONS	As long as need exists	Apply to Adult Social Care & Health Department where a need for the items exist. An Occupational Therapist will assess.	Any age	No Major Adaptions Yes	No	No	–
FAMILY FUND		Severely disabled child with specific needs	Under 16	Yes	No	No	Lump sum grant for specific needs.
INDEPENDENT LIVING FUND		Gets highest rate DLA, care comp. on IS or equivalent low income. Need to be assessed by Social Worker and have high personal care cost. Capital below £18,500. Also ask about Direct Payments to pay for care at home.	16–65	Yes	No	No	Assistance with the cost of personal care whilst living independently in the community.
NOTTS. COUNTY COUNCIL DISABLED PERSONS' FUND		Provides cash payments for disabled people who need items which cannot be provided by DWP. Apply to Adult Social Care & Health, County Hall, NCC. Tel: (0115) 977 3622.	None	Yes	No	No	Cost of item

This is not an exhaustive list of the benefits and concessions disabled people can claim.

For more detailed information contact your local Advice Centre.

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