

INCOME DISREGARDS

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Employment & Support Allowance, (IR)	
Income Support & Jobseeker's Allowance (IB)	
Earnings	
Standard	5.00
Disabled	20.00
Carer/Lone Parent	20.00
Couple	10.00
Maintenance (check criteria)	20.00
Student Loan	10.00
Voluntary and charitable payments	
most are fully disregarded	
Widowed Parent's Allowance/ AFCS/War Disablement Pension/ War Widows Pension	10.00
	10.00

Pension Credit – refer to CPAG Handbook to calculate income disregards.

Housing Benefit & Council Tax Benefit

As for IS except:

Lone Parent not on IS	25.00
Maintenance fully disregarded	
Widowed Parent's Allowance	15.00
AFCS/War Pension/War Widows Pension	
fully disregarded	
Certain Tax Credit claimants or working more than 16/30 hours per week	16.85

Refer to CPAG Handbook for more details.

NON-MEANS TESTED BENEFITS

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Attendance Allowance –	
Lower rate	47.10
Higher rate	70.35
Bereavement Benefits –	
Lump sum	2,000.00
Widowed Parent's Allowance	95.25
Bereavement Allowance standard rate	95.25
Age related rates on sliding scale - from age 54	88.58
to age 45	28.58
Carers Allowance	53.10
Earnings limit	95.00
Child Benefit –	
1st or only Child	20.00
Other children	13.20

Dependency Increases –

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Adult dependency for spouse or person looking after children on	
– Retirement Pension	57.05
– Long term Incapacity Benefit	53.10
– Short-term Incapacity Benefit if over pension age	51.10
– Severe Disablement Allowance	31.90
– Carer's Allowance	31.70
– Maternity Allowance/short-term Incapacity Benefit (under pension age)	41.35
Child dependency increases on:- Retirement Pension, Widows Benefit, Short-term Incapacity Benefit (higher rate) and long-term Incapacity Benefit, Carer's Allowance, Short-term Incapacity Benefit if over pension age (existing Claimants only)	11.35 ▲

Disability Living Allowance

Care	
Lower	18.65
Middle	47.10
Higher	70.35
Mobility	
Lower	18.65
Higher	49.10

Employment and Support Allowance (N.I. based)

Under 25	50.95
Over 25	64.30
Work related activity component	25.50
Support component	30.85

Guardians Allowance

Incapacity Benefit	
Long term rate (53+ weeks)	89.80

Short Term Rate	
Lower	67.75
Higher	80.15

Age Addition (from 52 weeks)	
Lower	6.55
Higher	15.65

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

18 or over or under 18 with dependants sliding scale from	
100%	143.60
to 20%	28.72

Under 18 from 100%	88.05
To 20%	17.61

Jobseeker's Allowance (NI based)	
Under 18	50.95
18–24	50.95
25+	64.30

Maternity Allowance	123.06
Earnings threshold	30.00

Minimum Wage	
Under 18	3.53
18–21	4.77
22 and over	5.73

† Permitted Work Limits (including income based ESA)

Earn up to £20 for unlimited period
Earn up to £92.00 (less than 16 hours per wk) for 52 weeks or indefinitely in certain circumstances

Retirement Pension	
Category A or B	95.25
Category B (husband's NI)	57.05
Category C or D (non contributory)	57.05
Category C (lower) (non contributory)	34.15

Severe Disablement Allowance	57.45
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Age addition	
– higher – under 40	15.65
– middle – 40-49	9.10
– lower – 50-59	5.35

Statutory Adoption Pay	123.06
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Statutory Maternity Pay	123.06
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Statutory Sick Pay	79.15
Earnings threshold for all statutory pay	95.00

Sure Start Maternity Grant	500.00
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Health in Pregnancy Grant	190.00
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▲ Reduced by £3.15 for first or only child for whom claimant receives Child Benefit.



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MEANS TESTED BENEFITS

Income Support / Income-based Jobseekers' Allowance / Income related Employment and Support Allowance

PERSONAL ALLOWANCES	£
Single	
– under 18	50.95 †
– 18-24	50.95
– 25 +	64.30
Lone Parent	
– under 18	50.95 †
– 18 +	64.30
Couple	
– Both under 18	50.95 †
– Both under 18, one disabled	50.95 †
– Both under 18 with child	76.90 †
– One under 18, one 18-24	50.95 †
– One under 18, one over 25	64.30 †
– Both 18+	100.95 †
Dependent children under 20	56.11 *
PREMIUMS	
Carers	29.50
Disability (not ESA claimants)	
– Single	27.50
– Couple	39.15
Disabled Child	51.24 *
Enhanced Disability (automatically paid to ESA claimants in support group)	
– Single/lone parent	13.40
– Couple	19.30
– Child	20.65 *
Family/lone parent rate	17.30 *
Pensioner	
– Couple	97.50
Severe Disability	
– Single	52.85
– Couple (1 qualifies)	52.85
– Couple (both qualify)	105.70

* Where Child Tax Credit not in payment

† Refer to Child Poverty Action Group Handbook to calculate amounts.

HOUSING BENEFIT / LOCAL HOUSING ALLOWANCE & COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

PERSONAL ALLOWANCES	£
Single	
– under 18 (HB only)	50.95
– 18-24	50.95
– 25 +	64.30
– 60-64	130.00
– 65 and over	150.40
Lone Parent	
– under 18 (HB only)	50.95
– 18 +	64.30
Couple	
– Under 18 (HB only)	76.90
– One or both over 18	100.95
– 60-64 (one or both)	198.45
– 65+ (one or both)	225.50
Dependent children under 20	56.11
PREMIUMS	
Carers	29.50
Family	17.30
– lone parent rate (only certain claimants)	22.20
– lone parent rate/baby rate	32.70
– couple/baby rate	27.25
Disability	
– Single	27.50
– Couple	39.15
Disabled Child	51.24
Enhanced Disability	
– single/lone parent	13.40
– couple	19.30
– child	20.65 *
Pensioner (on IS/IBJSA)	
– single	65.70
– couple	97.50
Severe Disability	
– single	52.85
– couple (1 qualifies)	52.85
– couple (both qualify)	105.70

The family, carers, severe disability and disabled child premiums are payable on top of any other premiums. Otherwise only one (the higher) premium is payable where a claimant qualifies for more than one.

CHILD CARE COSTS – Weekly costs up to

– 1 Child	175.00
– 2+ children	300.00

PENSION CREDIT

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Minimum Income Guarantee	
– single	130.00
– couple	198.45
Additional Amounts	
Severe disability	52.85
– couple (1 qualifies)	52.85
– couple (both qualify)	105.70
Carer	29.50
Savings Credit Maximums	
– single	20.40
– couple	27.03
Saving Credit Threshold	
Single	96.00
Couple	153.40

NON DEPENDANT DEDUCTIONS

Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance, Housing Benefit and Pension Credit	
Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work with gross income of:	
Under £120.00	7.40
£120.00 - £177.99	17.00
£158.00 - £230.99	23.35
£231.00 - £305.99	38.20
£306.00 - £381.99	43.50
above £382	47.75
Others aged 18 or over, or on IS, ESA (IR), JSA (IB) and over 25	7.40
Council Tax Benefit	
Aged 18 or over and gross income of:	
Up to £178	2.30
£178.00 - £305.99	4.60
£306.00 - £381.99	5.80
£382 or more	6.95
Others aged 18 or over	2.30

All non dependents on IS, JSA (IB), ESA (IR) or Pension Credit are ignored.

WORKING TAX CREDIT – per annum

Threshold	6,420
Taper	39%
Income Disregard	25,000

Elements	£
Basic	1,890
Couple/lone parent	1,860
30 hours	775
Disability	2,530
Severe disability	1,075
50+ return to work element	
– 16-29 hours	1,300
– 30+ hours	1,935
Child care – 80% of weekly cost up to	
– 1 Child	175
– 2+ Children	300

CHILD TAX CREDIT – per annum

Threshold – entitled to CTC & WTC	6,420
– entitled to CTC but no WTC	16,040
Taper	39%
Income disregard	25,000
Second Threshold (family element only)	50,000
Second Taper	6.67%
Elements	
Family	545
Baby addition	545
Child	2,235
Disabled child	2,670
Severely disabled child	1,075

CAPITAL LIMITS

	Amount Disregarded	Upper Limit
Income Support & Jobseeker's Allowance (IB), ESA, (IR)		
Child		3,000
Under 60's	6,000	16,000
Claimant/partner over 60	6,000	16,000
Care home	10,000	16,000
Housing Benefit & Council Tax Benefit		
Under 60	6,000	16,000
Claimant 60 or over	6,000	16,000
Care home (HB only)	10,000	16,000
On Pension Credit (GUARANTEE ONLY)	6,000	no limit
Pension Credit	6,000	no limit
Care home	10,000	no limit
Tariff - under 60	£1	per £250
60+ (and not on IS or IBJSA)	£1	per £500

Working Tax Credit & Child Tax Credit
No limit, actual interest paid on capital counts as income.