

DISABILITY BENEFITS CHECKLIST

RATES ACCURATE BETWEEN APRIL 2009 – MARCH 2010

BENEFIT	PERIOD	HOW TO QUALIFY	AGE LIMIT	MEANS TESTED?	AFFECTS OTHER BENEFIT	TAXABLE	Single Person	AMOUNTS Adult Dependant Additions
STATUTORY SICK PAY (SSP)	First 28 weeks of sickness	Paid by employer to employees earning over £95 p.w. No NI conditions	16–65	No	Yes	Yes	£79.10 (No increase for dependants)	–
EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE (Contribution based) May also qualify for income related ESA if income and capital below set amounts (see over page).	Flat rate for first 13 weeks Additional components from 14th week onwards	Ability to work is limited by ill health or disability. Replaced Incapacity Benefit in October 2008. Have to pass contribution test and 'limited capability for work' test. Extra payment if also pass 'limited capability for work related activity' test. If under 20 and disabled (25 if in education/training), no contribution test.	16–60 women 16–65 men	No	Yes	Yes	First 13 weeks (unless terminally ill) Under 25 – £50.95 Over 25 – £64.30 After 13 weeks add work related activity component £25.50 or Support component £30.85 (no increase for dependants)	–
INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT (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 – £143.60 (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 2009).	16+	No	Yes	Yes	£53.10	£31.70
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 or terminally ill.	65+	No	No	No	2 rates – £70.35 higher rate £47.10 lower rate	–
DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE (DLA) a. Mobility component	As long as disability lasts	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.	3–65 Higher Rate 5–65 Lower Rate	No	No	No	2 rates – £49.10 higher £18.65 lower	–
b. Care component Either or both components can be claimed	As long as need for care/supervision exist	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.	Birth – 65	No	No	No	3 rates – £70.35 higher £47.10 middle £18.65 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 number of disability elements that increase the total amount of credit a household is entitled to.	–

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INCOME-RELATED EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE (ESA)	As long as sickness/disablement lasts	Income below ESA "applicable amounts". Under £16,000 capital. Not working more than 16 hours per week – capital tariff £1 per £250 over £6,000. Pass limited capability for work test.	16+	Yes	Yes	No	IR-ESA *Single/Lone Parent: £64.30 *Couple: £64.30/100.95 Work related activity component £25.50 Support component £30.85
PENSION CREDIT		Capital tariff £1 per £500 over £6,000 (£10,000 from November 2009). No upper capital limit. Income compared to 'appropriate' amounts N.B. Different capital limits for claimants in long term residential/nursing care.	60+ 65+ Savings Credit	Yes	Yes	No	Pension Credit – Min. guarantee: Single £130.00 Couple £198.45 Separate rates for savings credit.
EXTRA INCOME-RELATED EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE, HOUSING BENEFIT (HB) COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT (CTB) PENSION CREDIT (PC)	As long as sickness/disablement/caring responsibility lasts	Claimant/partner gets DLA/AA or Incapacity Benefit; or dependent child gets DLA, or reg. blind; or claimant incapable of work for 52 weeks. Seek advice for further details. Carer – is entitled to Carer's Allowance or has 'underlying entitlement' and the disabled person is not in receipt of Severe Disability premium/addition.	–	Yes	No	No	Extra "premiums" are used in the calculation of PC, HB & CTB & Income Related ESA Disabled (not ESA): Single £27.50 (not PC) Couple £39.15 Severe Disability: Single/1 qualifies £52.85 Both qualify £105.70 Enhanced Disability Single £12.60 (not PC) Couple £18.15 Child £20.65 Carers £29.50
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 certain disability benefits such as AA, DLA, ESA, Incapacity Benefit 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. Tel: Nottinghamshire County Council 08449 80 80 80	Any age	No Major Adaptors 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 £23,000. 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 equipment 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.

*** paid at reduced rates to certain claimants during 13 week assessment phase**

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