

A8/2018 Housing Benefit: Uprating 2019-20

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Who should read

All Housing Benefit staff

Action

For information

Guidance manual

The information in this circular does affect the content of the HB Guidance Manual and the HB/CTB Overpayments Guide.

HB Guidance Manual: Please annotate this circular number against paragraph A4 4.750, 4.900, A5 Annex A, BW3 Annex A and BP3 Annex A.

HB/CTB Overpayments Guide: Please annotate this circular number against paragraphs 4.260 – 4.264.

Queries

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Introduction

1. In his written statement to Parliament on 23 November 2018, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Family Support, Housing and Child Maintenance announced proposals for the social security benefit rates that will apply from April 2019
2. This circular advises you of the rates so you can take the appropriate action. Note: At the time of writing, the Orders or regulations bringing the changes into effect are still subject to the appropriate Parliamentary process.
3. Any queries about the information contained in this circular should be emailed to housing.benefitsenquiries@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Timing

4. In line with previous practice, the main Housing Benefit (HB) uprating will be introduced in advance of the setting of the main social security benefit rates. To coincide with the week in which many rents change, the 2019 uprating will take effect on:

- Monday 1 April 2019 for cases to which HB 2006 Regulation 79(3)(a)(i) (for Working Age customers) and HB (SPC) 2006 Regulation 59(3)(a)(i) (for people who have attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit) applies, when rent is paid monthly or at any interval which is not a week or multiples of a week
- Monday 1 April 2019 for cases to which HB 2006 Regulation 79(3)(a)(ii) (for working age customers) and HB (SPC) 2006 Regulation 59(3)(a)(ii) (for people who have attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit) applies, when rent is paid on a weekly basis (or multiple of a week).

Up-rating of income-related social security benefits

5. The main points are:

- the basic State Retirement Pension and the full rate of the new State Retirement Pension are being uprated by 2.6% in line with the government's 'triple lock' commitment
- the Standard Minimum Guarantee in Pension Credit is being increased by 2.6% (average weekly earnings (AWE)). The Savings Credit maximum is increased by 2.4% (Consumer Prices Index (CPI)).
- premiums paid to pensioner recipients of working age benefits will continue to be uprated to match Pension Credit rates
- premiums paid to disabled people receiving working age benefits and to Employment and Support Allowance claimants in the Support Group, will increase in 2019-20 as CPI was 2.4% in September 2018.
- Working Age benefits (main rates), including the main elements of Universal Credit and HB personal allowances, will remain at the 2015-16 rates as they are frozen for 4 years

Up-rating of non-income related social security benefits

6. The higher and middle rate invalidity allowances and age additions payable with Incapacity Benefit (IB) will be increased from April 2019.

Up-rating of social security benefits: general

7. The following Regulations allow you to take account of these rates on 1 April as appropriate:

- HB 2006 Regulations 42(8) and 79(3)
- HB (SPC) 2006 Regulations 41(9), 41(10) and 59(3)
- Associated guidance is set out in HB/CTB Guidance Manual at BP2 P2.790

8. There is no provision in regulations to uprate a claimant's social security benefit other than by using the correct amount. Most claimants will know their rates of benefit well before April each year.

9. We are aware that many local authorities' (LAs') IT systems apply a percentage increase to uprate income from other social security benefits in the assessment of HB. In previous years

we have advised that this method should, in most cases, produce accurate results; providing the LA has satisfied itself as to the accuracy of its method, it should be able to meet its duty to make proper determinations.

10. However, given the fact that in recent years some of the components paid in addition to the main rates of some benefits and the main rates themselves have been uprated by different indices, LAs should consider carefully whether applying standard percentages will result in correct determinations.

11. LAs should also take into account that specific Automated Transfers to LA Systems (ATLAS) uprating notifications are issued for all benefits on the Customer Information System except for:

- Attendance Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance
- Personal Independence Payment
- Armed Forces Independence Payment
- Carer's Allowance
- State Retirement Pension
- Incapacity Benefit
- Severe Disability Allowance
- Bereavement Benefits
- Widow's Benefit

12. Should an LA decide to apply a percentage increase to uprate income, as a minimum, any information subsequently received via ATLAS should be compared with existing LA system data to ensure it matches.

Tax credits

13. Any changes to Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit (see Appendix E: Annex 1) will be effective from 6 April 2019 in line with the start of the new tax year.

14. ATLAS will notify tax credit information to LAs. All the current and new tax credit rates can be found on www.GOV.UK

War Pensions

15. The new rates for War Pensions are not yet available and details of the new rates will be issued via a separate circular once the Veterans UK release the figures.

Specific points of interest

Non-dependant deductions in HB

16. The deduction and income bands for 2019-20 are at Appendices A and B.

Rates remaining unchanged

17. The majority of rates within HB will remain unchanged.

Disregards in HB which remain unchanged

18. The childcare disregards in HB in line with Working Tax Credit weekly equivalents, remain at:

- £175.00 for one child
- £300.00 for two or more children

19. The additional earnings disregard in HB that can be applied to those entitled to Working Tax Credit remains at £17.10. See HB Guidance manual BW2 paragraphs BW2.132-2.140.

Deductions for ineligible fuel charges

20. The CPI for fuel and lighting in September 2018 was 8.0% and the government has decided to increase the rates for statutory fuel deductions from HB for 2019-20. The rates for statutory fuel deductions are shown in Appendix A.

One room rate deduction

21. The formula for the one room rate deduction is set out in HB Regulations 2006 at Schedule 1, part 2, paragraph 6(2)(a) to (d) and (3). Sub-paragraph (3) states the ineligible amount for service charges when the accommodation consists of only one room shall be one half of the aggregate of the amounts specified in sub-paragraph (2)(a), (b) and (c), see Appendices A and B.

State Pension Credit: maximum Savings Credit

22. The amount of the maximum Savings Credit will be £13.72 for a single person and £15.35 for a couple. These figures cannot be used to calculate a likely Savings Credit entitlement from April 2019. Savings Credit is calculated on an individual basis, using the income and capital of that person. In addition, HB (SPC) Regulation 27 states that the Pension Service calculation of income, capital and Savings Credit must be used.

National Insurance contribution rates

23. A full set of rates for 2019-20 can be found on www.GOV.UK

Universal Credit

24. Universal Credit is assessed and paid on a monthly basis. Most Universal Credit rates in 2019/20 will remain the same as the 2016-17 rates. The rates can be found in Appendix C, Annex 5.

Establishing eligible rent

25. The calculation of eligible rent for a claimant renting in the social and private sectors is not affected by this circular or by the uprating of benefits overall. It continues to subject to the rules in Part 3 of the HB Regulations 2006 and Part 3 of the HB (SPC) Regulations 2006.

Appendix A

Housing Benefit for people of working age

| Housing Benefit rates for people who have not reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Personal Allowances | | |
| Single | | |
| 16 to 24 | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| 25 or over | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Any age - entitled to main phase rate Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Lone parent | | |
| Under 18 | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| 18 or over | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Any age - entitled to main phase rate ESA | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Couple | | |
| Both under 18 | 87.50 | 87.50 |
| One or both over 18 | 114.85 | 114.85 |
| Any age - entitled to main phase rate ESA | 114.85 | 114.85 |
| Polygamous marriages | | |
| If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and no members of the marriage have attained the age of 60 | | |
| For the claimant and the other party to the marriage | 114.85 | 114.85 |
| For each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant | 41.75 | 41.75 |
| Dependent children | | |
| From birth to September following 16th birthday | 66.90 | 66.90 |
| From September following 16th birthday to day before 20th birthday | 66.90 | 66.90 |
| Premiums | | |
| Family Premium | 17.45 | 17.45 |
| Family Premium (lone parent rate) | 22.20 | 22.20 |

| Housing Benefit rates for people who have not reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Disability Premium | | |
| Single | 33.55 | 34.35 |
| Couple | 47.80 | 48.95 |
| Enhanced Disability Premium | | |
| Single rate | 16.40 | 16.80 |
| Couple rate | 23.55 | 24.10 |
| Disabled child rate | 25.48 | 26.04 |
| Severe Disability Premium | | |
| Single | 64.30 | 65.85 |
| Couple (one qualifies) | 64.30 | 65.85 |
| Couple (both qualify) | 128.60 | 131.70 |
| Disabled Child Premium | 62.86 | 64.19 |
| Carer Premium | 36.00 | 36.85 |
| Components ESA income related (IR) and ESA (contribution-based) | | |
| Work-related activity component | 29.05 | 29.05 |
| Support component | 37.65 | 38.55 |
| Deductions | | |
| Non-dependant deductions | | |
| Aged under 25 and on Income Support (IS) or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA(IB)) or ESA(IR) which does not include an amount for the support component or work-related activity component or UC where the award is calculated on the basis that the non-dependant does not have any earned income | Nil | Nil |
| Aged 25 or over and on IS or JSA(IB), or aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work | 15.25 | 15.60 |
| In receipt of main phase ESA(IR) | 15.25 | 15.60 |
| In receipt of Pension Credit | Nil | Nil |
| Aged over 18 or over and in remunerative work | | |
| - gross income: less than £143 | 15.25 | 15.60 |
| - gross income: £143 to £208.99 | 35.00 | 35.85 |
| - gross income: £209 to £271.99 | 48.05 | 49.20 |
| - gross income: £272 to £362.99 | 78.65 | 80.55 |

| Housing Benefit rates for people who have not reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| - gross income: £363 to £450.99 | 89.55 | 91.70 |
| - gross income: £451 and above | 98.30 | 100.65 |
| Fuel deductions | | |
| Heating | 30.30 | 32.70 |
| Hot water | 3.50 | 3.80 |
| Lighting | 2.40 | 2.60 |
| Cooking | 3.50 | 3.80 |
| All fuel | 39.70 | 42.90 |
| Fuel deductions one room | | |
| Heating and hot water and/or lighting | 18.10 | 19.55 |
| Cooking | 3.50 | 3.80 |
| Amounts ineligible for meals | | |
| Three or more meals a day | | |
| Single claimant | 27.90 | 28.55 |
| Each person in family aged 16 or over | 27.90 | 28.55 |
| Each child under 16 | 14.15 | 14.50 |
| Less than 3 meals a day | | |
| Single claimant | 18.60 | 19.05 |
| Each person in the family aged 16 or over | 18.60 | 19.05 |
| Each child under 16 | 9.35 | 9.55 |
| Breakfast only - claimant and each member of family | 3.45 | 3.55 |
| Disregards | | |
| Childcare charges | 175.00 | 175.00 |
| Childcare charges (2 or more children) | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Additional earnings | 17.10 | 17.10 |
| Income from sub-tenants | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Permitted earnings - higher | 125.50 | 131.50 |
| Permitted earnings - lower | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Recovery of overpayments | | |
| Non-fraudulent overpayments | 11.10 | 11.10 |
| Fraudulent overpayments | 18.50 | 18.50 |

Housing Benefit rates for people who have not reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit

**April
2018 £
Weekly** **April
2019 £
Weekly**

Direct Earnings Attachment Amount deducted by employer using legislative rates in the tables

Capital limits

Upper limit

16,000 16,000

Lower limit

6,000 6,000

Appendix B

Housing Benefit for people of State Pension Credit age

| Housing Benefit rates for people who have reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Personal Allowances | | |
| Single claimant aged under 65 | 163.00 | 167.25 |
| Single claimant aged 65 or over | 176.40 | 181.00 |
| | | |
| Lone parent aged under 65 | 163.00 | 167.25 |
| Lone parent aged 65 or over | 176.40 | 181.00 |
| | | |
| Couple | | |
| One or both aged 60 or over but both under 65 | 248.80 | 255.25 |
| One member or both members aged 65 or over | 263.80 | 270.60 |
| | | |
| Polygamous Marriages | | |
| If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and no members of the marriage have attained the age of 65 | | |
| For the claimant and the other party to the marriage | 248.80 | 255.25 |
| For each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant | 85.80 | 88.00 |
| | | |
| If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and one or more of the members of the marriage are aged 65 or over | | |
| For the claimant and the other party to the marriage | 263.80 | 270.60 |
| For each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant | 87.40 | 89.60 |
| | | |
| Dependent children | | |
| From birth to September following 16th birthday | 66.90 | 66.90 |
| From September following 16th birthday to day before 20th birthday | 66.90 | 66.90 |
| | | |
| Premiums | | |
| Family Premium | 17.45 | 17.45 |

| Housing Benefit rates for people who have reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Severe Disability Premium | | |
| Single | 64.30 | 65.85 |
| Couple (one qualifies) | 64.30 | 65.85 |
| Couple (both qualify) | 128.60 | 131.70 |
| Enhanced Disability Premium | | |
| Disabled child rate | 25.48 | 26.04 |
| Disabled Child Premium | 62.86 | 64.19 |
| Carer Premium | 36.00 | 36.85 |
| Non-dependant deductions | | |
| Aged under 25 and on Income Support (IS) or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA(IB)) or ESA(IR) which does not include an amount for the support component or work-related activity component or UC where the award is calculated on the basis that the non-dependant does not have any earned income | Nil | Nil |
| Aged 25 or over and on IS or JSA(IB) or aged over 18 or over and not in remunerative work | 15.25 | 15.60 |
| In receipt of main phase ESA(IR) | 15.25 | 15.60 |
| In receipt of State Pension Credit | Nil | Nil |
| Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work | | |
| gross income: less than £143 | 15.25 | 15.60 |
| gross income: £143 to £208.99 | 35.00 | 35.85 |
| gross income: £209 to £271.99 | 48.05 | 49.20 |
| gross income: £272 to £362.99 | 78.65 | 80.55 |
| gross income: £363 to £450.99 | 89.55 | 91.70 |
| gross income: £451 and above | 98.30 | 100.65 |
| Fuel deductions | | |
| Heating | 30.30 | 32.70 |
| Hot water | 3.50 | 3.80 |
| Lighting | 2.40 | 2.60 |

| Housing Benefit rates for people who have reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cooking | 3.50 | 3.80 |
| All fuel | 39.70 | 42.90 |
| Fuel deductions for one room | | |
| Heating, hot water and/or lighting | 18.10 | 19.55 |
| Cooking | 3.50 | 3.80 |
| Amounts ineligible for meals | | |
| Three or more meals a day | | |
| Single claimant | 27.90 | 28.55 |
| Each person in family aged 16 or over | 27.90 | 28.55 |
| Each child under 16 | 14.15 | 14.50 |
| Less than 3 meals a day | | |
| Single claimant | 18.60 | 19.05 |
| Each person in family aged 16 or over | 18.60 | 19.05 |
| Each child under 16 | 9.35 | 9.55 |
| Breakfast only - claimant and each member of family | 3.45 | 3.55 |
| Disregards | | |
| Childcare charges | 175.00 | 175.00 |
| Childcare charges (2 or more children) | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Additional earnings disregard | 17.10 | 17.10 |
| Income from subtenants | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Permitted earnings - higher | 125.50 | 131.50 |
| Permitted earnings - lower | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Recovery of Overpayments | | |
| Standard Rate (Non-fraud debt) | 11.10 | 11.10 |
| Maximum Rate (Fraud classified debt) | 18.50 | 18.50 |
| Capital limits | | |
| Upper limit – State Pension Credit guarantee credit NOT in payment | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| Upper limit – State Pension Credit guarantee credit in payment | No limit | No limit |
| Lower limit – above the qualifying age for State Pension Credit | 10,000 | 10,000 |

Appendix C/Annex 1

| Income Support rates | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Personal Allowances | | |
| Single | | |
| Under 25 | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| Aged 25 or over | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Lone parent | | |
| Under 18 | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| Aged 18 or over | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Couple | | |
| Both under 18 | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| Both under 18 - higher rate (for example, with responsibility for a child) | 87.50 | 87.50 |
| One under 18, one 18 to 24 | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| One under 18, one aged 25 or over | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Both 18 or over | 114.85 | 114.85 |
| Dependent children | | |
| Birth to September following 16th birthday | 66.90 | 66.90 |
| From September following 16th birthday to day before 20th birthday | 66.90 | 66.90 |
| Premiums | | |
| Family Premium | 17.45 | 17.45 |
| Family Premium (lone parent rate) | 17.45 | 17.45 |
| Pensioner Premium (couples only) | 133.95 | 140.40 |
| Disability Premium | | |
| Single | 33.55 | 34.35 |
| Couple | 47.80 | 48.95 |
| Enhanced Disability Premium | | |
| Single | 16.40 | 16.80 |
| Couple | 23.55 | 24.10 |
| Disabled child rate | 25.48 | 26.04 |

| Income Support rates | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Severe Disability Premium | | |
| Single | 64.30 | 65.85 |
| Couple (one qualifies) | 64.30 | 65.85 |
| Couple (both qualify) | 128.60 | 131.70 |
| Disabled child premium | 62.86 | 64.19 |
| Carer Premium | 36.00 | 36.85 |
| Capital limits | | |
| Upper | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| Lower | 6,000 | 6,000 |

Appendix C/Annex 2

| Jobseeker's Allowance rates | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance | | |
| Personal Rates | | |
| Under 25 | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| Aged 25 or over | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance | | |
| Personal Allowances | | |
| Single | | |
| Under 25 | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| Aged 25 or over | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Lone parent | | |
| Under 18 | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| 18 or over | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Couple | | |
| Both under 18 | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| Both under 18 – higher rate (for example with responsibility for a child) | 87.50 | 87.50 |
| One under 18, one 18 to 24 | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| One under 18, one aged 25 or over | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Both 18 or over | 114.85 | 114.85 |
| Dependent children | | |
| Birth to September following 16th birthday | 66.90 | 66.90 |
| From September following 16th birthday to day before 20th birthday | 66.90 | 66.90 |
| Premiums | | |
| Family Premium | 17.45 | 17.45 |
| Family Premium (lone parent rate) | 17.45 | 17.45 |
| Pensioner Premium | | |
| Single | 89.90 | 94.15 |
| Couple | 133.95 | 140.40 |

| Jobseeker's Allowance rates | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Disability Premium | | |
| Single | 33.55 | 33.55 |
| Couple | 47.80 | 48.95 |
| Enhanced Disability Premium | | |
| Single | 16.40 | 16.80 |
| Couple | 23.55 | 24.10 |
| Disabled child rate | 25.48 | 26.04 |
| Severe Disability Premium | | |
| Single | 64.30 | 65.85 |
| Couple (one qualifies) | 64.30 | 65.85 |
| Couple (both qualify) | 128.60 | 131.70 |
| Disabled child premium | 62.86 | 64.19 |
| Carer Premium | 36.00 | 36.85 |
| Capital limits | | |
| Upper | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| Lower | 6,000 | 6,000 |

Appendix C/Annex 3

| Employment and Support Allowance rates | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Personal Allowances | | |
| Single | | |
| Under 25 and in Assessment Phase | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| Aged 25 or over | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Any age and in Main Phase | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Lone parent | | |
| Aged under 18 and in Assessment Phase | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| Aged 18 or over | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Any age and in Main Phase | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Couple | | |
| Both under 18 and in Assessment Phase | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| Both under 18 with responsibility for a child and in Assessment Phase | 87.50 | 87.50 |
| Both under 18 and in Main Phase | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Both under 18 with responsibility for a child and in Main Phase | 114.85 | 114.85 |
| One 18 or over and the other while under 18, also satisfies certain conditions | 114.85 | 114.85 |
| Both 18 or over | 114.85 | 114.85 |
| Claimant under 25 and in Assessment Phase and partner under 18 | 57.90 | 57.90 |
| Claimant 25 or over and in Assessment Phase and partner under 18 | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Claimant in Main Phase and partner under 18 | 73.10 | 73.10 |
| Premiums | | |
| Carer Premium | | |
| | 36.00 | 36.85 |
| Enhanced Disability Premium | | |
| Single | 16.40 | 16.80 |
| Couple | 23.55 | 24.10 |

| Employment and Support Allowance rates | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pensioner Premium | | |
| Single and in Assessment Phase | 89.90 | 94.15 |
| Single, entitled to work-related activity component | 60.85 | 65.10 |
| Single, entitled to support component | 52.25 | 55.60 |
| Couple, and in Assessment Phase | 133.95 | 140.40 |
| Couple, entitled to work-related activity component | 104.90 | 111.35 |
| Couple, entitled to support component | 96.30 | 101.85 |
| Severe Disability Premium | | |
| Single | 64.30 | 65.85 |
| Couple (one qualifies) | 64.30 | 65.85 |
| Couple (both qualify) | 128.60 | 131.70 |
| Components | | |
| Work-related activity component | 29.05 | 29.05 |
| Support component | 37.65 | 38.55 |
| Capital limits | | |
| Upper | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| Lower | 6,000 | 6,000 |

Appendix D/Annex 4

| State Pension Credit Rates | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Standard Guarantee Credit | | |
| Single | 163.00 | 167.25 |
| Couple | 248.80 | 255.25 |
| Additional amount for severe disability | | |
| Single | 64.30 | 65.85 |
| Couple (one qualifies) | 64.30 | 65.85 |
| Couple (both qualify) | 128.60 | 131.70 |
| Polygamous marriages | | |
| Amount for claimant and first spouse | 248.80 | 255.25 |
| Amount for additional spouse | 85.80 | 88.00 |
| Additional amount for Carers (Carer Premium) | | |
| | 36.00 | 36.85 |
| Savings credit | | |
| Threshold – single | 140.67 | 144.38 |
| Threshold – couple | 223.82 | 229.67 |
| Maximum – single | 13.40 | 13.72 |
| Maximum – couple | 14.99 | 15.35 |

Appendix C/Annex 5

| Universal Credit Rates | April 2018 £ Assessment period | April 2019 £ Assessment period |
|---|---|---|
| Standard Allowance / Element | | |
| Single | | |
| Under 25 | 251.77 | 251.77 |
| 25 or over | 317.82 | 317.82 |
| Couple | | |
| Both under 25 | 395.20 | 395.20 |
| One or both 25 or over | 498.89 | 498.89 |
| Child element | | |
| First child | 277.08 | 277.08 |
| Second or subsequent child | 231.67 | 231.67 |
| Additional amount for disabled child or qualifying young person | | |
| Lower rate | 126.11 | 126.11 |
| Higher rate | 383.86 | 392.08 |
| Limited capability for work / limited capability for work and work-related activity elements | | |
| Limited capability for work | 126.11 | 126.11 |
| Limited capability for work and work-related activity | 328.32 | 336.20 |
| Non-dependants' housing cost contributions | 72.16 | 73.89 |
| Carer Element | 156.45 | 160.20 |

Appendix D

| Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Attendance Allowance | | |
| Higher rate | 85.60 | 87.65 |
| Lower rate | 57.30 | 58.70 |
| Bereavement Benefits | | |
| Widowed Parent's Allowance | 117.10 | 119.90 |
| Bereavement Allowance | | |
| Standard Rate | 117.10 | 119.90 |
| Age-related rate | | |
| Age 54 | 108.90 | 111.51 |
| Age 53 | 100.71 | 103.11 |
| Age 52 | 92.51 | 94.72 |
| Age 51 | 84.31 | 86.33 |
| Age 50 | 76.12 | 77.94 |
| Age 49 | 67.92 | 69.54 |
| Age 48 | 59.72 | 61.15 |
| Age 47 | 51.52 | 52.76 |
| Age 46 | 43.33 | 44.36 |
| Age 45 | 35.13 | 35.97 |
| Bereavement Support Payment | | |
| Lump sum | | |
| Higher rate | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Lower rate | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Monthly payments | | |
| Higher rate | 350.00 | 350.00 |
| Lower rate | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Carer's Allowance | | |
| Standard rate | 64.60 | 66.15 |
| Dependency increase | 38.00 | 38.90 |

| Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Disability Living Allowance | | |
| Care component | | |
| Higher rate | 85.60 | 87.65 |
| Middle rate | 57.30 | 58.70 |
| Lower rate | 22.65 | 23.20 |
| Mobility component | | |
| Higher rate | 59.75 | 61.20 |
| Lower rate | 22.65 | 23.20 |
| Incapacity Benefit | | |
| Long term Incapacity Benefit | | |
| Single | 109.60 | 112.25 |
| Spouse or adult dependant (where appropriate) | 63.65 | 65.20 |
| Short term Incapacity Benefit (under pension age) | | |
| Lower rate | 82.65 | 84.65 |
| Higher rate | 97.85 | 100.20 |
| Spouse or adult dependant (where appropriate) | 49.60 | 50.80 |
| Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over pension age) | | |
| Lower rate | 105.15 | 107.65 |
| Higher rate | 109.60 | 112.25 |
| Spouse or adult dependant (where appropriate) | 61.30 | 62.75 |
| Increase of long-term Incapacity Benefit for age | | |
| Higher rate | 11.60 | 11.90 |
| Lower rate | 6.45 | 6.60 |
| Invalidity Allowance (transitional) for Incapacity Benefit recipients | | |
| Higher rate | 11.60 | 11.90 |
| Middle rate | 6.45 | 6.60 |
| Lower rate | 6.45 | 6.60 |

| Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Industrial Death Benefit | | |
| Widow's Pension | | |
| Higher rate | 125.95 | 129.20 |
| Lower rate | 37.79 | 38.76 |
| Widower's pension | 125.95 | 129.20 |
| Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit | | |
| Disablement Benefit (100% assessment) | 174.80 | 179.00 |
| Unemployability supplement | 108.05 | 110.65 |
| Reduced earnings allowance (maximum) | 69.92 | 71.60 |
| Maternity Allowance | | |
| Standard Rate | 145.18 | 148.68 |
| Threshold | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Personal Independence Payment | | |
| Daily Living Component | | |
| Standard Rate | 57.30 | 58.70 |
| Enhanced Rate | 85.60 | 87.65 |
| Mobility component | | |
| Standard rate | 22.65 | 23.20 |
| Enhanced rate | 59.75 | 23.20 |
| Severe Disablement Allowance | | |
| Basic rate | 77.65 | 79.50 |
| Spouse or other adult dependant (where appropriate) | 38.20 | 39.10 |
| Age-related additions | | |
| Higher rate | 11.60 | 11.90 |
| Middle rate | 6.45 | 6.60 |
| Lower rate | 6.45 | 6.60 |

| Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| State Retirement Pension | | |
| Category A or B (Single Person) | 125.95 | 129.20 |
| Category B (lower) - spouse or civil partner's insurance | 75.50 | 77.45 |
| Category C (higher) or Category D non-contributory | 75.50 | 77.45 |
| Additional State Pension - rate may vary | 3.00% | 2.40% |
| Increments to: | | |
| Basic State Pension | 3.00% | 2.40% |
| Additional State Pension | 3.00% | 2.40% |
| Graduated Retirement Benefit | 3.00% | 2.40% |
| Inheritable lump sum | 3.00% | 2.40% |
| | | |
| Addition at age 80 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Adult dependency increase for spouse or person looking after children | 68.35 | 70.00 |
| | | |
| Increase in respect of long-term incapacity for age: | 3.00% | 2.40% |
| Higher rate | 22.35 | 22.90 |
| Lower rate | 11.25 | 11.50 |
| | | |
| Invalidity Allowance (transitional) | | |
| Higher rate | 22.35 | 22.90 |
| Middle rate | 14.40 | 14.70 |
| Lower rate | 7.20 | 7.35 |
| | | |
| New State Pension | 164.35 | 168.60 |
| | | |
| Statutory Adoption Pay | | |
| Earnings threshold | 116.00 | 118.00 |
| Standard rate | 145.18 | 148.68 |
| | | |
| Statutory Maternity Pay | | |
| Earnings threshold | 116.00 | 118.00 |
| Standard rate | 145.18 | 148.68 |
| | | |
| Statutory Paternity Pay | | |
| Earnings threshold | 116.00 | 118.00 |
| Standard rate | 145.18 | 148.68 |

| Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates | April 2018 £ Weekly | April 2019 £ Weekly |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Statutory Shared Parental Pay | | |
| Earnings threshold | 116.00 | 118.00 |
| Standard rate | 145.18 | 148.68 |
| Statutory Sick Pay | | |
| Earnings threshold | 116.00 | 118.00 |
| Standard rate | 92.05 | 94.25 |

Appendix E

Non-social security payments and rates

Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance rates

| £ per year (unless stated) | 2018-2019 Change | |
|---|-------------------------|------|
| Working Tax Credit | | |
| Basic element | 1,960 | 0 |
| Couple and lone parent element | 2,010 | 0 |
| Thirty Hour element | 810 | 0 |
| Disabled worker element | 3,090 | 75 |
| Severe disability element | 1,330 | 35 |
| Childcare element of Working Tax Credit | | |
| Maximum eligible cost of one child (per week) | 175 | 0 |
| Maximum eligible cost for two or more children (per week) | 300 | 0 |
| Percentage of eligible costs covered | 70% | 0 |
| Child Tax Credit | | |
| Family element | 545 | 0 |
| Child element | 2,780 | 0 |
| Disabled child element | 3,275 | 80 |
| Severely disabled child element | 4,600 | 115 |
| Income thresholds and withdrawal rates | | |
| Income threshold | 6,420 | 0 |
| Withdrawal rate (per cent %) | 41% | 0 |
| Threshold for those entitled to Child Tax Credit only | 16,105 | 0 |
| Income rise disregard | 2,500 | 0 |
| Income fall disregard | 2,500 | 0 |
| Child Benefit (weekly) | | |
| Eldest /only child | 20.70 | 0 |
| Other children | 13.70 | 0 |
| Guardian's Allowance (weekly) | 17.20 | 0.40 |