

Appendix 2

Housing Benefit Circular

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WHO SHOULD READ	All Housing Benefit staff
ACTION	For information
SUBJECT	Housing Benefit: Uprating 2020-21

Revised

We apologise for any inconvenience caused but this circular is being reissued with the removal of the final Appendix as we have been advised that the rates in the table had not been confirmed or published by HMRC.

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.

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Housing Benefit: Uprating 2020-21

Introduction

1. In her [written statement](#) to Parliament on 04 November 2019, the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions announced proposals for the social security benefit rates that will apply from April 2020.
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.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 2020 uprating will take effect on:
 - Wednesday 1 April 2020 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 6 April 2020 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).

Uprating 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 3.9% in line with the government's 'triple lock' commitment
 - the Standard Minimum Guarantee in Pension Credit is being increased by 3.9% (average weekly earnings (AWE)). The Savings Credit maximum is increased by 1.7% 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 2020-21 as CPI was 1.7% in September 2019.
- Working Age benefits (main rates and certain premiums and additions), including the main elements of UC and HB personal allowances will increase from April 2020.

Uprating 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 2020.

Uprating 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.
13. The Department for Work and Pensions has worked with LA IT Software Suppliers to develop a solution to automate the Pensions Strategy Computer System (PSCS) uprating process from December 2019 in time for April 2020 uprating activity. The new PSCS uprating solution will allow LAs to use an Application Programme Interface (API) to look up the PSCS benefit amount when needed and will remove the requirement for LAs to manually apply the uprating increase to the PSCS amount when conducting their yearly uprating review of customers' HB claim as the uprating process will be automated.
14. This solution is available for all LAs that are live with the Customer Information System (CIS) Interest Automation and completed the connectivity and testing for the PSCS solution. Full guidance on use will be provided by LA Software Suppliers. If you require further information regarding the new PSCS solution, you should email lads.deliveryteam@dwp.gov.uk

Tax Credits

15. Any changes to Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit (see Appendix E: Annex 1) will be effective from 6 April 2020 in line with the start of the new tax year.
16. ATLAS will notify tax credit information to LAs. All the current and new tax credit rates will be available on www.gov.uk from April 2020.

War Pensions

17. 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

18. The deduction and income bands for 2020-21 are at Appendices A and B.

Disregards in HB which remain unchanged

19. 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

20. 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

21. The CPI for fuel and lighting in September 2019 was 4.9% and the government has decided to increase the rates for statutory fuel deductions from HB for 2020-21. The rates for statutory fuel deductions are shown in Appendix A.

One room rate deduction

22. 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 (c) 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

23. The amount of the maximum Savings Credit will be £13.97 for a single person and £15.62 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

24. A full set of rates for 2020-21 will be available on www.gov.uk from 6 April 2020.

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 be 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 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Personal Allowances		
Single		
16 to 24	57.90	58.90
25 or over	73.10	74.35
Any age - entitled to main phase rate Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)	73.10	74.35
Lone parent		
Under 18	57.90	58.90
18 or over	73.10	74.35
Any age - entitled to main phase rate ESA	73.10	74.35
Couple		
Both under 18	87.50	89.00
One or both over 18	114.85	116.80
Any age - entitled to main phase rate ESA	114.85	116.80
Polygamous marriages		
If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and no members of the marriage have attained pensionable age		
For the claimant and the other party to the marriage	114.85	116.80
For each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant	41.75	42.45
Dependent children		
From birth to September following 16 th birthday	66.90	68.27
From September following 16 th birthday to day before 20 th birthday	66.90	68.27
Premiums		
Family Premium	17.45	17.60
Family Premium (lone parent rate)	22.20	22.20
Disability Premium		
Single	34.35	34.95
Couple	48.95	49.80
Enhanced Disability Premium		
Single rate	16.80	17.10
Couple rate	24.10	24.50
Disabled child rate	26.04	26.60
Severe Disability Premium		
Single	65.85	66.95
Couple (one qualifies)	65.85	66.95
Couple (both qualify)	131.70	133.90
Disabled Child Premium		
Carer Premium	64.19	65.52
	36.85	37.50

Housing Benefit rates for people who have not reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	April 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Components ESA income related (IR) and ESA (contribution-based)		
Work-related activity component	29.05	29.55
Support component	38.55	39.20
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	15.60	15.85
In receipt of main phase ESA(IR) (any age)	15.60	15.85
In receipt of Pension Credit	Nil	Nil
Aged over 18 or over and in remunerative work		
- gross income: less than £149	15.60	15.85
- gross income: £149 to £216.99	35.85	36.45
- gross income: £217 to £282.99	49.20	50.05
- gross income: £283 to £376.99	80.55	81.90
- gross income: £377 to £468.99	91.70	93.25
- gross income: £469 and above	100.65	102.35
Fuel deductions		
Heating	32.70	34.30
Hot water	3.80	4.00
Lighting	2.60	2.75
Cooking	3.80	4.00
All fuel	42.90	45.05
Fuel deductions one room		
Heating and hot water and/or lighting	19.55	20.53
Cooking	3.80	4.00
Amounts ineligible for meals		
Three or more meals a day		
Single claimant	28.55	29.05
Each person in family aged 16 or over	28.55	29.05
Each child under 16	14.50	14.75
Less than 3 meals a day		
Single claimant	19.05	19.35
Each person in the family aged 16 or over	19.05	19.35
Each child under 16	9.55	9.70
Breakfast only - claimant and each member of family	3.55	3.60
Disregards		
Childcare charges	175.00	175.00
Childcare charges (2 or more children)	300.00	300.00

Housing Benefit rates for people who have not reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	April 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Additional earnings	17.10	17.10
Income from sub-tenants	20.00	20.00
Permitted earnings - higher	131.50	140.00
Permitted earnings - lower	20.00	20.00
Recovery of overpayments		
Non-fraudulent overpayments	11.10	11.25
Fraudulent overpayments	18.50	18.75
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 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Personal Allowances		
Single claimant who has attained pensionable age	181.00	187.75
Lone parent who has attained pensionable age	181.00	187.75
Couple		
One member or both members have attained pensionable age	270.60	280.85
Polygamous Marriages		
If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and one or more of the members of the marriage have attained pensionable age		
For the claimant and the other party to the marriage	270.60	280.85
For each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant	89.60	93.10
Dependent children		
From birth to September following 16 th birthday	66.90	68.27
From September following 16 th birthday to day before 20 th birthday	66.90	68.27
Premiums		
Family Premium	17.45	17.60
Severe Disability Premium		
Single	65.85	66.95
Couple (one qualifies)	65.85	66.95
Couple (both qualify)	131.70	133.90
Enhanced Disability Premium		
Disabled child rate	26.04	26.60
Disabled Child Premium	64.19	65.52
Carer Premium	36.85	37.50
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		

Housing Benefit rates for people who have reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	April 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
not in remunerative work	15.60	15.85
In receipt of main phase ESA(IR) (any age)	15.60	15.85
In receipt of State Pension Credit	Nil	Nil
Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		
- gross income: less than £149	15.60	15.85
- gross income: £149 to £216.99	35.85	36.45
- gross income: £217 to £282.99	49.20	50.05
- gross income: £283 to £376.99	80.55	81.90
- gross income: £377 to £468.99	91.70	93.25
- gross income: £469 and above	100.65	102.35
Fuel deductions		
Heating	32.70	34.30
Hot water	3.80	4.00
Lighting	2.60	2.75
Cooking	3.80	4.00
All fuel	42.90	45.05
Fuel deductions for one room		
Heating, hot water and/or lighting	19.55	20.53
Cooking	3.80	4.00
Amounts ineligible for meals		
Three or more meals a day		
Single claimant	28.55	29.05
Each person in family aged 16 or over	28.55	29.05
Each child under 16	14.50	14.75
Less than 3 meals a day		
Single claimant	19.05	19.35
Each person in family aged 16 or over	19.05	19.35
Each child under 16	9.55	9.70
Breakfast only - claimant and each member of family	3.55	3.60
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	131.50	140.00
Permitted earnings - lower	20.00	20.00
Recovery of Overpayments		
Standard Rate (Non-fraud debt)	11.10	11.25
Maximum Rate (Fraud classified debt)	18.50	18.75
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 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Personal Allowances		
Single		
Under 25	57.90	58.90
Aged 25 or over	73.10	74.35
Lone parent		
Under 18	57.90	58.90
Aged 18 or over	73.10	74.35
Couple		
Both under 18	57.90	58.90
Both under 18 - higher rate (for example, with responsibility for a child)	87.50	89.00
One under 18, one 18 to 24	57.90	58.90
One under 18, one aged 25 or over	73.10	74.35
Both 18 or over	114.85	116.80
Dependent children		
Birth to September following 16 th birthday	66.90	68.27
From September following 16 th birthday to day before 20 th birthday	66.90	68.27
Premiums		
Family Premium	17.45	17.60
Family Premium (lone parent rate)	17.45	17.60
Pensioner Premium (couples only)	140.40	148.40
Disability Premium		
Single	34.35	34.95
Couple	48.95	49.80
Enhanced Disability Premium		
Single	16.80	17.10
Couple	24.10	24.50
Disabled child rate	26.04	26.60
Severe Disability Premium		
Single	65.85	66.95
Couple (one qualifies)	65.85	66.95
Couple (both qualify)	131.70	133.90
Disabled child premium	64.19	65.52
Carer Premium	36.85	37.50
Capital limits		
Upper	16,000	16,000
Lower	6,000	6,000

Appendix C / Annex 2

Jobseeker's Allowance rates	April 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance		
Personal Rates		
Under 25	57.90	58.90
Aged 25 or over	73.10	74.35
Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance		
Personal Allowances		
Single		
Under 25	57.90	58.90
Aged 25 or over	73.10	74.35
Lone parent		
Under 18	57.90	58.90
18 or over	73.10	74.35
Couple		
Both under 18	57.90	58.90
Both under 18 – higher rate (for example with responsibility for a child)	87.50	89.00
One under 18, one 18 to 24	57.90	58.90
One under 18, one aged 25 or over	73.10	74.35
Both 18 or over	114.85	116.80
Dependent children		
Birth to September following 16 th birthday	66.90	68.27
From September following 16 th birthday to day before 20 th birthday	66.90	68.27
Premiums		
Family Premium	17.45	17.60
Family Premium (lone parent rate)	17.45	17.60
Pensioner Premium		
Single	94.15	99.40
Couple	140.40	148.40
Disability Premium		
Single	34.35	34.95
Couple	48.95	49.80
Enhanced Disability Premium		
Single	16.80	17.10
Couple	24.10	24.50
Disabled child rate	26.04	26.60
Severe Disability Premium		
Single	65.85	66.95
Couple (one qualifies)	65.85	66.95
Couple (both qualify)	131.70	133.90

Jobseeker's Allowance rates	April 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Disabled child premium	64.19	65.52
Carer Premium	36.85	37.50
Capital limits		
Upper	16,000	16,000
Lower	6,000	6,000

Appendix C / Annex 3

Employment and Support Allowance rates	April 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Personal Allowances		
Single		
Under 25 and in Assessment Phase	57.90	58.90
Aged 25 or over	73.10	74.35
Any age and in Main Phase	73.10	74.35
Lone parent		
Aged under 18 and in Assessment Phase	57.90	58.90
Aged 18 or over	73.10	74.35
Any age and in Main Phase	73.10	74.35
Couple		
Both under 18 and in Assessment Phase	57.90	58.90
Both under 18 with responsibility for a child and in Assessment Phase	87.50	89.00
Both under 18 and in Main Phase	73.10	74.35
Both under 18 with responsibility for a child and in Main Phase	114.85	116.80
One 18 or over and the other while under 18, also satisfies certain conditions	114.85	116.80
Both 18 or over	114.85	116.80
Claimant under 25 and in Assessment Phase and partner under 18	57.90	58.90
Claimant 25 or over and in Assessment Phase and partner under 18	73.10	74.35
Claimant in Main Phase and partner under 18	73.10	74.35
Premiums		
Carer Premium	36.85	37.50
Enhanced Disability Premium		
Single	16.80	17.10
Couple	24.10	24.50
Pensioner Premium		
Single and in Assessment Phase	94.15	99.40
Single, entitled to work-related activity component	65.10	69.85
Single, entitled to support component	55.60	60.20
Couple, and in Assessment Phase	140.40	148.40
Couple, entitled to work-related activity component	111.35	118.85
Couple, entitled to support component	101.85	109.20
Severe Disability Premium		
Single	65.85	66.95
Couple (one qualifies)	65.85	66.95
Couple (both qualify)	131.70	133.90
Components		
Work-related activity component	29.05	29.55
Support component	38.55	39.20

Employment and Support Allowance rates	April 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Capital limits		
Upper	16,000	16,000
Lower	6,000	6,000

Appendix C / Annex 4

State Pension Credit rates	April 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Standard Guarantee Credit		
Single	167.25	173.75
Couple	255.25	265.20
Additional amount for severe disability		
Single	65.85	66.95
Couple (one qualifies)	65.85	66.95
Couple (both qualify)	131.70	133.90
Polygamous marriages		
Amount for claimant and first spouse	255.25	265.20
Amount for additional spouse	88.00	91.40
Additional amount for Carers (Carer Premium)	36.85	37.50
Savings credit		
Threshold – single	144.38	150.47
Threshold – couple	229.67	239.17
Maximum – single	13.72	13.97
Maximum – couple	15.35	15.62
Dependent children		
First child born before 1 April 2017	63.84	64.82
Subsequent children	53.34	54.32
Disabled child		
Lower rate	29.02	29.52
Higher rate	90.23	92.12

Appendix C / Annex 5

UC rates (monthly rates)	April 2019 £ Assessment period	April 2020 £ Assessment period
Standard Allowance / Element		
Single		
Under 25	251.77	256.05
25 or over	317.82	323.22
Couple		
Both under 25	395.20	401.92
One or both 25 or over	498.89	507.37
Child element		
First child	277.08	281.25
Second or subsequent child	231.67	235.83
Additional amount for disabled child or qualifying young person		
Lower rate	126.11	128.25
Higher rate	383.86	400.29
Limited capability for work / limited capability for work and work-related activity elements		
Limited capability for work	126.11	128.25
Limited capability for work and work-related activity	336.20	341.92
Non-dependants' housing cost contributions	73.89	75.15
Carer Element	160.20	162.92

Appendix D

Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates	April 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Attendance Allowance		
Higher rate	87.65	89.15
Lower rate	58.70	59.70
Bereavement Benefits		
Widowed Parent's Allowance	119.90	121.95
Bereavement Allowance		
Standard Rate	119.90	121.95
Age-related rate		
Age 54	111.51	113.41
Age 53	103.11	104.88
Age 52	94.72	96.34
Age 51	86.33	87.80
Age 50	77.94	79.27
Age 49	69.54	70.73
Age 48	61.15	62.19
Age 47	52.76	53.66
Age 46	44.36	45.12
Age 45	35.97	36.59
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	66.15	67.25
Disability Living Allowance		
Care component		
Higher rate	87.65	89.15
Middle rate	58.70	59.70
Lower rate	23.20	23.60
Mobility component		
Higher rate	61.20	62.25
Lower rate	23.20	23.60
Incapacity Benefit		
Long term Incapacity Benefit		
Single	112.25	114.15
Spouse or adult dependant (where appropriate)	65.20	66.30

Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates	April 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Short term Incapacity Benefit (under pension age)		
Lower rate	84.65	86.10
Higher rate	100.20	101.90
Spouse or adult dependant (where appropriate)	50.80	51.65
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over pension age)		
Lower rate	107.65	109.50
Higher rate	112.25	114.15
Spouse or adult dependant (where appropriate)	62.75	63.80
Increase of long-term Incapacity Benefit for age		
Higher rate	11.90	12.10
Lower rate	6.60	6.70
Invalidity Allowance (transitional) for Incapacity Benefit recipients		
Higher rate	11.90	12.10
Middle rate	6.60	6.70
Lower rate	6.60	6.70
Industrial Death Benefit		
Widow's Pension		
Higher rate	129.20	134.25
Lower rate	38.76	40.28
Widower's pension	129.20	134.25
Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit		
Disablement Benefit (100% assessment)	179.00	182.00
Unemployability supplement	110.65	112.55
Reduced earnings allowance (maximum)	71.60	72.80
Maternity Allowance		
Standard Rate	148.68	151.20
Threshold	30.00	30.00
Personal Independence Payment		
Daily Living Component		
Standard Rate	58.70	59.70
Enhanced Rate	87.65	89.15
Mobility component		
Standard rate	23.20	23.60
Enhanced rate	61.20	62.25
Severe Disablement Allowance		
Basic rate	79.50	80.85
Spouse or other adult dependant (where appropriate)	39.10	39.75
Age-related additions		
Higher rate	11.90	12.10
Middle rate	6.60	6.70

Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates	April 2019 £ Weekly	April 2020 £ Weekly
Lower rate	6.60	6.70
State Retirement Pension		
Category A or B (Single Person)	129.20	134.25
Category B (lower) - spouse or civil partner's insurance	77.45	80.45
Category C (higher) or Category D non-contributory	77.45	80.45
Additional State Pension - rate may vary	2.40%	1.70%
Increments to:		
Basic State Pension	2.40%	1.70%
Additional State Pension	2.40%	1.70%
Graduated Retirement Benefit	2.40%	1.70%
Inheritable lump sum	2.40%	1.70%
Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
Increase in respect of long-term incapacity for age:		
Higher rate	22.90	23.30
Lower rate	11.50	11.70
Invalidity Allowance (transitional)		
Higher rate	22.90	23.30
Middle rate	14.70	14.90
Lower rate	7.35	7.45
New State Pension	168.60	175.20
Statutory Adoption Pay		
Earnings threshold	118.00	TBC
Standard rate	148.68	151.20
Statutory Maternity Pay		
Earnings threshold	118.00	TBC
Standard rate	148.68	151.20
Statutory Paternity Pay		
Earnings threshold	118.00	TBC
Standard rate	148.68	151.20
Statutory Shared Parental Pay		
Earnings threshold	118.00	TBC
Standard rate	148.68	151.20
Statutory Sick Pay		
Earnings threshold	118.00	TBC
Standard rate	94.25	95.85