

BENEFIT RATES as at APRIL 2008

Asylum Seekers: Essential Living Needs*
(from 10th April 2006)

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Qualifying Couple	66.13
Lone parent, aged 18+	42.16
Single person, aged 18 – 24	33.39
Single person, aged 25+	42.16
Single person, aged 16 – 17 (except qualifying couples)	36.29
Single person, aged under 16	48.30

*The Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2006

INCOME SUPPORT & INCOME BASED JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Single person, under 18	Lower rate	47.95
	Higher rate payable under special circumstances	
Single person, aged 18 – 24		47.95
Single person, aged 25+		60.50
Lone parent, aged under 18	Lower rate	47.95
	Higher rate payable under special circumstances	
Lone parent, aged 18+		60.50
Couple, both under 18		47.95/72.35
Couple, one under 18		47.95/60.50/94.95
Couple, both aged 18+		94.95
Dependent Children		52.59

PREMIUM

Carer	27.75
Disability, single person	25.85
Disability, couple	36.85
Disabled child	48.72
Enhanced Disability, single person/lone parent	12.60
Enhanced Disability, couple	18.15
Family	16.75
Pensioner, single (JSA only)	63.55
Pensioner couple	94.40
Severe Disability, per qualifying person	50.35

HOUSING BENEFIT & COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

As for Income Support/income based JSA or Pension Credit, except for:

Personal Allowance	£
Single person, aged under 18 (n/a for Council Tax Benefit)	47.95
Single person, aged 65+	143.80
Couple, one or both aged 65+	215.50

TAX CREDITS

Working Tax Credit (annual rates)

Basic Element	1800
Couple/lone parent	1770
30 hours Element	735
Disability Element	2405
Severe Disability Element	1020
50+ return to work, 16 – 19 hours	1235

50+ return to work, 30+ hours	1840
Childcare costs, one child (up to 80% of)	175 per week
Childcare costs, two children (up to 80% of)	300 per week

CHILD TAX CREDITS (annual rates)

Family Element	545
Baby addition	545
Child Element	2085
Disabled Child	2540
Severely Disabled Child	1020

PENSION CREDIT

Minimum Guarantee		
	Single	124.05
	Couple	189.35
Additional amounts		
	Severe Disability (per person)	50.35
	Carer	27.75

NON MEANS TESTED BENEFITS

Attendance Allowance Lower Rate	44.85
Higher Rate	67.00

BEREAVEMENT BENEFITS*

Bereavement Allowance	Aged 45 – 54	27.21-84.35
	55 – pension	90.70
Widowed Parent's Allowance		90.70
Bereavement Payment (lump sum)		2000.00

*Widow's Pension & Widowed Mother's Allowance paid at same rates

CARER'S ALLOWANCE

Carer's Allowance	50.55
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CHILD BENEFIT

Only/Eldest child	18.80
Other Children	12.55

DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE

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Care Component	Lower Rate	17.75
	Middle Rate	44.85
	Higher Rate	67.00

Mobility Component	Lower Rate	17.75
	Higher Rate	46.75

INCAPACITY BENEFIT

Short Term (under pension age)	Lower Rate	63.75
	Higher Rate	75.40
	Long Term	84.50

Long Term, age addition	Aged under 35	17.75
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	Aged 35 – 44	8.90
Long Term Invalidity Allowance*	Lower Rate	5.70
	Middle Rate	11.40
	Higher Rate	17.75

*Only payable for transitionally protected IBLT cases

INDUSTRIAL INDUSTRIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT
(Variable depending on % disability)

Under 18	16.77-83.85
Under 18 with dependents	27.36-136.80
Aged 18 +	27.36-136.80

JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Under 18	35.65
Aged 18- 24	46.85
Aged 25 +	59.15

MATERNITY ALLOWANCE

Standard Rate	117.18
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SEVERE DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE *

Severe Disablement Allowance	51.05	
Age Addition		
	Aged under 40	17.75
	Aged 40 – 49	11.40
	Aged 50 – 59	5.70

STATUTORY MATERNITY, PATERNITY & ADOPTION PAY	117.18
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STATUTORY SICK PAY	75.40
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NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE (Per Hour)

Aged 22 +	5.52
Aged 18–21 or in approved training	4.60
Aged 16-18	3.40

*Severe Disablement Allowance ceased to be available for new customers from April 2001