

Benefit and pension rates 2022/2023

weekly rates unless otherwise stated	RATES 2021/22	RATES 2022/23
ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE		
higher rate	89.60	92.40
lower rate	60.00	61.85
BENEFIT CAP - rates introduced November 2016		
Annual level of Benefit Cap (Greater London)		
Couples (with or without children) or single claimants with a child of qualifying age	23000.00	23000.00
Single adult households without children	15410.00	15410.00
Annual level of Benefit Cap (Rest of Great Britain)		
Couples (with or without children) or single claimants with a child of qualifying age	20000.00	20000.00
Single adult households without children	13400.00	13400.00
Monthly equivalent (Greater London)		
Couples (with or without children) or single claimants with a child of qualifying age	1916.67	1916.67
Single adult households without children	1284.17	1284.17
Monthly equivalent (Rest of Great Britain)		
Couples (with or without children) or single claimants with a child of qualifying age	1666.67	1666.67
Single adult households without children	1116.67	1116.67
Weekly equivalent (Greater London)		
Couples (with or without children) or single claimants with a child of qualifying age	442.31	442.31
Single adult households without children	296.35	296.35
Weekly equivalent (Rest of Great Britain)		
Couples (with or without children) or single claimants with a child of qualifying age	384.62	384.62
Single adult households without children	257.69	257.69
BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT (for deaths between 9 April 2001 & 5 April 2017)		
Widowed Parent's Allowance	122.55	126.35
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PAYMENT (for deaths occurring on or after 6 April 2017)		
Standard rate (lump sum)	2500.00	2500.00
Standard rate monthly payments	100.00	100.00
Higher rate (lump sum)	3500.00	3500.00
Higher rate monthly payments	350.00	350.00

CAPITAL LIMITS - rules common to Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment & Support Allowance and Housing Benefit unless otherwise stated

upper limit	16000.00	16000.00
Amount disregarded	6000.00	6000.00
Child disregard - (not Employment & Support Allowance or Housing Benefit)	3000.00	3000.00
Amount disregarded (living in RC/NH)	10000.00	10000.00

CAPITAL LIMITS - rules common to Pension Credit and Housing Benefit

upper limit - Pension Credit and those getting Housing Benefit and Pension Credit Guarantee Credit	No limit	No limit
Amount disregarded - Pension Credit and Housing Benefit for those above the qualifying age for Pension Credit	10000.00	10000.00
Amount disregarded (living in RC/NH)	10000.00	10000.00

Tariff Income

£1 for every £250, or part thereof, between the amount of capital disregarded and the capital upper limit

Tariff income - Pension Credit and Housing Benefit where claimant / partner is over State Pension age

£1 for every £500, or part thereof, above or between the amount of capital disregarded and any capital upper limit applicable

CARER'S ALLOWANCE	67.60	69.70
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DEDUCTIONS - rules common to Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit and Housing Benefit unless stated otherwise

Non-dependant deductions from housing benefit and from IS, JSA(IB), ESA(IR) and Pension Credit

aged 25 and over in receipt of IS and JSA(IB), or any age in receipt of main phase ESA(IR), aged 18 or over, not in remunerative work	15.95	16.45
aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		
gross income: less than £154	15.95	16.45
gross income: £154 to £223.99	36.65	37.80
gross income: £224 to £291.99	50.30	51.85
gross income: £292 to £388.99	82.30	84.85
gross income: £389 to £483.99	93.70	96.60
gross income: £484 and above	102.85	106.05
Deductions from housing benefit		
Service charges for fuel		
heating	34.30	35.25
hot water	4.00	4.10
lighting	2.75	2.85
cooking	4.00	4.10

Amount ineligible for meals		
three or more meals a day		
single claimant	29.20	30.10
each person in family aged 16 or over	29.20	30.10
each child under 16	14.80	15.25
less than three meals a day		
single claimant	19.45	20.05
each person in family aged 16 or over	19.45	20.05
each child under 16	9.75	10.05
breakfast only - claimant and each member of the family	3.60	3.70
Amount for personal expenses (not HB)	26.20	27.00
Third party deductions from IS, JSA(IB), ESA(IR) and Pension Credit for;		
arrears of housing, fuel and water costs	3.75	3.85
Council Tax etc. and deductions for ELDS and ILS.		
Child Maintenance Deduction	8.40	8.40
arrears of Community Charge		
court order against claimant	3.75	3.85
court order against couple	5.90	6.10
fine or compensation order		
standard rate	5.00	5.00
lower rate	3.75	3.85
Maximum deduction rates for recovery of overpayments (not JSA(C)/ESA(C))		
ordinary overpayments	11.25	11.55
Fraud Overpayments		
Housing Benefit / CTB only	18.75	19.25
Benefits (not HB or Council Tax)	30.00	30.80
Deductions from JSA(C) and ESA (C)		
Arrears of Comm. Charge & overpayment recovery		
Age 16 - 24	19.73	20.35
Age 25 +	24.90	25.66
Arrears of Council Tax & Fines		
Age 16 - 24	23.68	24.42
Age 25 +	29.88	30.80
Maximum deduction for arrears of Child Maintenance		
Age 16 - 24	19.73	20.35
Age 25 +	24.90	25.66
Sanction reduction rate for New Style ESA&JSA		
under 25	8.40	8.60
25 and over	10.60	10.90

Sanction reduction rate for income related ESA&JSA

Personal Allowance
will be reduced in full
when customer is
subject to a sanction

Dependency Increases

Adult dependency increases for spouse or person looking after children - payable with;

long term Incapacity Benefit	66.65	68.70
Unemployability Supplement.	67.60	69.70
Severe Disablement Allowance	39.95	41.20
short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)	64.10	66.10
short-term Incapacity Benefit (under State Pension age)	51.90	53.50

Child Dependency Increases - payable with;
State Pension; Widowed Mothers/Parents Allowance;
short-term Incapacity benefit - higher rate or over state pension age;
long-term Incapacity Benefit; Carer's Allowance; Severe Disablement
Unemployability Supplement.

11.35	11.35
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NB - The rate of child dependency increase is adjusted where it is payable for the eldest child for whom child benefit is also paid. The weekly rate in such cases is reduced by the difference (less £3.65) between the ChB rates for the eldest and subsequent children.

8.00	8.00
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DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE

Care Component		
Highest	89.60	92.40
Middle	60.00	61.85
Lowest	23.70	24.45
Mobility Component		
Higher	62.55	64.50
Lower	23.70	24.45

DISREGARDS

Housing Benefit

Earnings disregards		
standard (single claimant)	5.00	5.00
couple	10.00	10.00
higher (special occupations/circumstances)	20.00	20.00
lone parent	25.00	25.00
childcare charges	175.00	175.00
childcare charges (2 or more children)	300.00	300.00
permitted work higher	143.00	152.00
permitted work lower	20.00	20.00
Other Income disregards		
adult maintenance disregard	15.00	15.00
war disablement pension and war widows pension	10.00	10.00
widowed mothers/parents allowance	15.00	15.00
Armed Forces Compensation Scheme	10.00	10.00
student loan	10.00	10.00
student's covenanted income	5.00	5.00
income from boarders (plus 50% of the balance)	20.00	20.00

additional earnings disregard	17.10	17.10
income from subtenants (£20 fixed from April 08)	20.00	20.00

**Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance,
Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR)) and Pension
Credit**

Earnings disregards		
standard (single claimant) (not ESA(IR))	5.00	5.00
couple (not ESA(IR))	10.00	10.00
higher (special occupations/circumstances)	20.00	20.00
partner of claimant (ESA(IR))	20.00 (maximum)	20.00 (maximum)
Other Income disregards		
war disablement pension and war widows pension	10.00	10.00
widowed mothers/parents allowance	10.00	10.00
Armed Forces Compensation Scheme	10.00	10.00
student loan (not Pension Credit)	10.00	10.00
student's covenanted income (not Pension Credit)	5.00	5.00
income from boarders (plus 50% of the balance)	20.00	20.00
income from subtenants (£20 fixed from April 08)	20.00	20.00

EARNINGS RULES

Carer's Allowance	128.00	132.00
Limit of earnings from councillor's allowance	143.00	152.00
permitted work earnings limit - higher	143.00	152.00
- lower	20.00	20.00
Industrial Injuries unemployability supplement permitted earnings level (annual amount)	7436.00	7904.00

Earnings level at which adult dependency increases (ADI) are affected with:

short-term incapacity benefit where claimant is		
(a) under state pension age	51.90	53.50
(b) over state pension age	64.10	66.10
long term incapacity benefit		
severe disablement allowance, unemployability supplement - payable when dependant		
(a) is living with claimant	74.70	77.00
(b) still qualifies for the tapered earnings rule	45.09	45.09

Earnings level at which ADI is affected when dependant is not living with
claimant:

long-term incapacity benefit	66.65	68.70
unemployability supplement	67.60	69.70
severe disablement allowance	39.95	41.20

Earnings level at which child dependency increases
are affected

for first child	245.00	255.00
additional amount for each subsequent child	33.00	34.00

Pension income threshold for incapacity benefit	85.00	85.00
pension income threshold for contributory employment & support allowance	85.00	85.00

EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE

Personal Allowances

Single		
under 25	59.20	61.05
25 or over	74.70	77.00
lone parent		
under 18	59.20	61.05
18 or over	74.70	77.00
couple		
both under 18	59.20	61.05
both under 18 with child	89.45	92.20
both under 18 (main phase)	74.70	77.00
both under 18 with child (main phase)	117.40	121.05
one 18 or over, one under 18 (certain conditions apply)	117.40	121.05
both over 18	117.40	121.05
claimant under 25, partner under 18	59.20	61.05
claimant 25 or over, partner under 18	74.70	77.00
claimant (main phase), partner under 18	74.70	77.00

Premiums

enhanced disability		
single	17.20	17.75
couple	24.60	25.35
severe disability		
single	67.30	69.40
couple (lower rate)	67.30	69.40
couple (higher rate)	134.60	138.80
carer	37.70	38.85
pensioner		
single with work-related activity component	72.70	75.00
single with support component	63.00	65.00
single with no component	102.40	105.60
couple with work-related activity component	123.20	127.05
couple with support component	113.50	117.05
couple with no component	152.90	157.65

Components

Work-related Activity	29.70	30.60
Support	39.40	40.60

HOUSING BENEFIT

Personal Allowances

single		
under 25	59.20	61.05
25 or over	74.70	77.00
entitled to main phase ESA	74.70	77.00
lone parent		
under 18	59.20	61.05

18 or over	74.70	77.00
entitled to main phase ESA	74.70	77.00
couple		
both under 18	89.45	92.20
one or both 18 or over	117.40	121.05
claimant entitled to main phase ESA	117.40	121.05
dependent children		
	68.60	70.80
single / lone parent - state pension age or over		
	191.15	197.10
couple - state pension age or over		
	286.05	294.90
single / lone parent - reached state pension age on or after 1 April 2021		
	177.10	182.60
couple - both reached state pension age on or after 1 April 2021		
	270.30	278.70
for the claimant and the other party to the marriage where one or more members of the marriage are state pension age or over		
	286.05	294.90
for each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant and one or more of the members are state pension age or over		
	94.90	97.80
If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and all of the members of the marriage have attained pensionable age on or after 1 April 2021		
For the claimant and the other party to the marriage		
	270.30	278.70
For each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant		
	93.20	96.10
Premiums		
family		
family (lone parent rate)	17.65	17.85
	22.20	22.20
disability		
single	35.10	36.20
couple	50.05	51.60
enhanced disability		
single	17.20	17.75
disabled child	26.67	27.44
couple	24.60	25.35
severe disability		
single	67.30	69.40
couple (lower rate)	67.30	69.40
couple (higher rate)	134.60	138.80
disabled child		
	65.94	68.04
carer		
	37.70	38.85
ESA components		
work-related activity support	29.70	30.60
	39.40	40.60
INCAPACITY BENEFIT		
Long-term Incapacity Benefit		
	114.70	118.25
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (under state pension age)		
lower rate	86.55	89.25
higher rate	102.40	105.55
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)		
lower rate	110.05	113.45
higher rate	114.70	118.25

Increase of Long-term Incapacity Benefit for age		
higher rate	12.15	12.55
lower rate	6.75	6.95

Invalidity Allowance (Transitional)		
higher rate	12.15	12.55
middle rate	6.75	6.95
lower rate	6.75	6.95

INCOME SUPPORT

Personal Allowances		
single		
under 25	59.20	61.05
25 or over	74.70	77.00

lone parent		
under 18	59.20	61.05
18 or over	74.70	77.00

couple		
both under 18	59.20	61.05
both under 18 - higher rate	89.45	92.20
one under 18, one under 25	59.20	61.05
one under 18, one 25 and over	74.70	77.00
both 18 or over	117.40	121.05

dependent children	68.60	70.80
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Premiums

family / lone parent	17.65	17.85
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pensioner (applies to couples only)	152.90	157.65
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disability		
single	35.10	36.20
couple	50.05	51.60

enhanced disability		
single	17.20	17.75
disabled child	26.67	27.44
couple	24.60	25.35

severe disability		
single	67.30	69.40
couple (lower rate)	67.30	69.40
couple (higher rate)	134.60	138.80

disabled child	65.94	68.04
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carer	37.70	38.85
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Relevant sum for strikers	41.00	42.50
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INDUSTRIAL DEATH BENEFIT

Widow's pension		
higher rate	137.60	141.85
lower rate	41.28	42.56
Widower's pension	137.60	141.85

INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT

Standard rate		
1.00	182.90	188.60
0.90	164.61	169.74
0.80	146.32	150.88
0.70	128.03	132.02
0.60	109.74	113.16
0.50	91.45	94.30
0.40	73.16	75.44
0.30	54.87	56.58
0.20	36.58	37.72
Maximum life gratuity (lump sum)	12140.00	12520.00
Unemployability Supplement	113.10	116.60
increase for early incapacity		
higher rate	23.40	24.15
middle rate	15.00	15.50
lower rate	7.50	7.75
Maximum reduced earnings allowance	73.16	75.44
Maximum retirement allowance	18.29	18.86
Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	146.40	151.00
intermediate rate	109.80	113.25
normal maximum rate	73.20	75.50
part-time rate	36.60	37.75
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	73.20	75.50

JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Contribution based JSA - Personal Rates		
under 25	59.20	61.05
25 or over	74.70	77.00
Income-based JSA - Personal Allowances		
under 25	59.20	61.05
25 or over	74.70	77.00
lone parent		
under 18	59.20	61.05
18 or over	74.70	77.00
couple		
both under 18	59.20	61.05
both under 18 - higher rate	89.45	92.20
one under 18, one under 25	59.20	61.05
one under 18, one 25 and over	74.70	77.00
both 18 or over	117.40	121.05
dependent children	68.60	70.80
Premiums		
family / lone parent	17.65	17.85
pensioner		
single	102.40	105.60
couple	152.90	157.65

disability		
single	35.10	36.20
couple	50.05	51.60
enhanced disability		
single	17.20	17.75
disabled child	26.67	27.44
couple	24.60	25.35
severe disability		
single	67.30	69.40
couple (lower rate)	67.30	69.40
couple (higher rate)	134.60	138.80
disabled child	65.94	68.04
carer	37.70	38.85
Prescribed sum for strikers	41.00	42.50
MATERNITY ALLOWANCE		
Standard rate	151.97	156.66
MA threshold	30.00	30.00
PENSION CREDIT		
Standard minimum guarantee		
single	177.10	182.60
couple	270.30	278.70
Additional amount for severe disability		
single	67.30	69.40
couple (one qualifies)	67.30	69.40
couple (both qualify)	134.60	138.80
Additional amount for carers	37.70	38.85
Savings credit		
threshold - single	153.70	158.47
threshold - couple	244.12	251.70
maximum - single	14.04	14.48
maximum - couple	15.71	16.20
Children		
First child born before 6 April 2017	65.10	66.85
Subsequent children	54.60	56.35
Disabled child		
Lower rate	29.66	30.58
Higher rate	92.54	95.48
Amount for claimant and first spouse in polygamous marriage	270.30	278.70
Additional amount for additional spouse	93.20	96.10
Non-State Pensions (for Pension Credit purposes)		
Statutory minimum increase to non-state pensions	0.50%	3.10%
PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENT		
Daily living component		
Enhanced	89.60	92.40
Standard	60.00	61.85
Mobility component		
Enhanced	62.55	64.50
Standard	23.70	24.45

SEVERE DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE

Basic rate	81.25	83.75
Age-related addition (from Dec 90)		
Higher rate	12.15	12.55
Middle rate	6.75	6.95
Lower rate	6.75	6.95

STATE PENSION**New State Pension**

Full rate	179.60	185.15
Transitional rate below full rate	2.5114%	3.0902%
Protected Payment	0.50%	3.10%
Increments - own (based on deferred new State Pension)	0.50%	3.10%
Increments - inherited (based on deferred old State Pension)	0.50%	3.10%

Old State Pension

Category A or B basic pension	137.60	141.85
Category B (lower) basic pension - spouse or civil partner's insurance	82.45	85.00
Category C or D - non-contributory	82.45	85.00
Additional pension	0.50%	3.10%
Maximum additional pension (own + inherited)	180.31	185.90
Increments to:-		
Basic pension	0.50%	3.10%
Additional pension	0.50%	3.10%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (GRB)	0.50%	3.10%
Inheritable lump sum	0.50%	3.10%
Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of pre-April 1988 contracted-out earnings	Nil	Nil
Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of contracted-out earnings from April 1988 to 1997	0.50%	3.00%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (unit)	0.1447	0.1492
Increase of long term incapacity for age	0.50%	3.10%
Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
Increase of Long-term incapacity for age		
higher rate	23.40	24.15
lower rate	11.75	12.10
Invalidity Allowance (Transitional) for State Pension recipients		
higher rate	23.40	24.15
middle rate	15.00	15.50
lower rate	7.50	7.75

STATUTORY ADOPTION PAY

Earnings threshold	120.00	123.00
Standard Rate	151.97	156.66

STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	120.00	123.00
Standard rate	151.97	156.66

STATUTORY PATERNITY PAY

Earnings threshold	120.00	123.00
Standard Rate	151.97	156.66

STATUTORY SHARED PARENTAL PAY

Earnings threshold	120.00	123.00
Standard rate	151.97	156.66

STATUTORY PARENTAL BEREAVEMENT PAY

Earnings threshold	120.00	123.00
Standard rate	151.97	156.66

STATUTORY SICK PAY

Earnings threshold	120.00	123.00
Standard rate	96.35	99.35

UNIVERSAL CREDIT (monthly rates)

Universal Credit Minimum Amount	0.01	0.01
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Universal Credit Amounts

Standard allowance

Single

Single under 25	257.33	265.31
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Single 25 or over	324.84	334.91
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Couple

Joint claimants both under 25	403.93	416.45
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Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	509.91	525.72
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Child amounts

First child (born prior to 6 April 2017)	282.50	290.00
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First child (born on or after 6 April 2017)/ second child and subsequent child (where an exception or transitional provision applies)	237.08	244.58
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Disabled child additions

Lower rate addition	128.89	132.89
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Higher rate addition	402.41	414.88
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Limited Capability for Work amount	128.89	132.89
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Limited Capability for Work and Work-Related Activity amount	343.63	354.28
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Carer amount	163.73	168.81
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Childcare costs amount

Maximum for one child	646.35	646.35
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Maximum for two or more children	1108.04	1108.04
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Non-dependants' housing cost contributions	75.53	77.87
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Work allowances

Higher work allowance (no housing amount)

One or more dependent children or limited capability for work	515 increased to 557 from 24.11.21	573.00
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Lower work allowance

One or more dependent children or limited capability for work	293 increased to 335 from 24.11.21	344.00
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UC Daily Reduction

100% reduction rate

Single

Single under 25	8.40	8.70
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Single 25 or over	10.60	11.00
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Couple

Joint claimants both under 25 (per sanctioned claimant)	6.60	6.80
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Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over and one is sanctioned (per sanctioned claimant)	8.30	8.60
40% reduction rate		
Single		
Single under 25	3.30	3.40
Single 25 or over	4.20	4.40
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25 (per sanctioned claimant)	2.60	2.70
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over (per sanctioned claimant)	3.30	3.40
Third Party Deductions at 5% of UC Standard Allowance (excludes deductions for rent and service charges included in rent)		
Single		
Single under 25	12.87	13.27
Single 25 or over	16.24	16.75
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	20.20	20.82
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	25.50	26.29
Minimum deductions for rent and service charges included in rent at 10% of UC Standard Allowance (10% minimum introduced from Nov 2014)		
Single		
Single under 25	25.73	26.53
Single 25 or over	32.48	33.49
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	40.39	41.65
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	50.99	52.57
Maximum deductions for rent and service charges included in rent at 20% of UC Standard Allowance (20% maximum introduced from Nov 2014)		
Single		
Single under 25	51.47	53.06
Single 25 or over	64.97	66.98
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	80.79	83.29
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	101.98	105.14
Overall Maximum deduction Rate at 25% of UC Standard Allowance:		
Single		
Single under 25	64.33	66.33
Single 25 or over	81.21	83.73
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	100.98	104.11
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	127.48	131.43
Fraud Overpayments, Recoverable Hardship Payments and Administrative Penalties at 25% of UC Standard Allowance		
Single		
Single under 25	64.33	66.33
Single 25 or over	81.21	83.73
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	100.98	104.11
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	127.48	131.43

Ordinary Overpayments and Civil Penalties at 15% of UC Standard Allowance

Single		
Single under 25	38.60	39.80
Single 25 or over	48.73	50.24
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	60.59	62.47
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	76.49	78.86

Ordinary Overpayments and Civil Penalties at 25% of UC Standard Allowance if claimant's and/or partner's earnings are over the Work Allowance

Single		
Single under 25	64.33	66.33
Single 25 or over	81.21	83.73
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	100.98	104.11
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	127.48	131.43

Child Maintenance Deduction 36.40 36.40

CAPITAL LIMIT - Universal Credit

Upper limit	16000.00	16000.00
Amount disregarded	6000.00	6000.00

Assumed income from capital for every £250 or part thereof, between capital disregard and upper capital limit 4.35 4.35

WIDOW'S BENEFIT

Widowed mother's allowance	122.55	126.35
Widow's pension		
standard rate	122.55	126.35
age-related		
age 54	113.97	117.51
53	105.39	108.66
52	96.81	99.82
51	88.24	90.97
50	79.66	82.13
49	71.08	73.28
48	62.50	64.44
47	53.92	55.59
46	45.34	46.75
45	36.77	37.91