

## Proposed benefit and pension rates 2021/2022

weekly rates unless otherwise stated	RATES 2020/21	RATES 2021/22
<b>ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE</b>		
higher rate	89.15	89.60
lower rate	59.70	60.00
<b>BENEFIT CAP - rates introduced November 2016</b>		
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
<b>BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT (for deaths between 11 April 1998 &amp; 5 April 2017)</b>		
Widowed Parents Allowance	121.95	122.55
<b>BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PAYMENT (for deaths occurring on or after 6 April 2017)</b>		
Standard rate (lump sum)		
Standard rate (lump sum)	2500.00	2500.00
Standard rate monthly payments	100.00	100.00
Higher rate (lump sum)		
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

<b>CARER'S ALLOWANCE</b>	67.25	67.60
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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	15.85	15.95
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aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		
gross income: less than £149	15.85	15.95
gross income: £149 to £216.99	36.45	36.65
gross income: £217 to £282.99	50.05	50.30
gross income: £283 to £376.99	81.90	82.30
gross income: £377 to £468.99	93.25	93.70
gross income: £469 and above	102.35	102.85

Deductions from housing benefit

Service charges for fuel		
heating	34.30	34.30
hot water	4.00	4.00
lighting	2.75	2.75
cooking	4.00	4.00

Amount ineligible for meals		
three or more meals a day		
single claimant	29.05	29.20
each person in family aged 16 or over	29.05	29.20
each child under 16	14.75	14.80
less than three meals a day		
single claimant	19.35	19.45
each person in family aged 16 or over	19.35	19.45
each child under 16	9.70	9.75
breakfast only - claimant and each member of the family	3.60	3.60
Amount for personal expenses (not HB)	26.05	26.20
Third party deductions from IS, JSA(IB), ESA(IR) and Pension Credit for;		
arrears of housing, fuel and water costs	3.75	3.75
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	3.75
court order against couple	5.85	5.90
fine or compensation order		
standard rate	5.00	5.00
lower rate	3.75	3.75
Maximum deduction rates for recovery of overpayments (not JSA(C)/ESA(C))		
ordinary overpayments	11.25	11.25
Fraud Overpayments		
Housing Benefit / CTB only	18.75	18.75
Benefits (not HB or Council Tax)	30.00	30.00
Deductions from JSA(C) and ESA (C)		
Arrears of Comm. Charge & overpayment recovery		
Age 16 - 24	19.63	19.73
Age 25 +	24.78	24.90
Arrears of Council Tax & Fines		
Age 16 - 24	23.56	23.68
Age 25 +	29.74	29.88
Maximum deduction for arrears of Child Maintenance		
Age 16 - 24	19.63	19.73
Age 25 +	24.78	24.90
Sanction reduction rate for New Style ESA&JSA		
under 25		8.40
25 and over		10.60

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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	66.30	66.65
Unemployability Supplement.	67.25	67.60
Severe Disablement Allowance	39.75	39.95
short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)	63.80	64.10
short-term Incapacity Benefit (under State Pension age)	51.65	51.90

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	89.15	89.60
Middle	59.70	60.00
Lowest	23.60	23.70
Mobility Component		
Higher	62.25	62.55
Lower	23.60	23.70

**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	140.00	143.00
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	128.00
Limit of earnings from councillor's allowance	140.00	143.00
permitted work earnings limit - higher	140.00	143.00
- lower	20.00	20.00
Industrial Injuries unemployability supplement		
permitted earnings level (annual amount)	7280.00	7436.00

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

short-term incapacity benefit where claimant is		
(a) under state pension age	51.65	51.90
(b) over state pension age	63.80	64.10
long term incapacity benefit		
severe disablement allowance, unemployability supplement - payable when dependant		
(a) is living with claimant	74.35	74.70
(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	66.30	66.65
unemployability supplement	67.25	67.60
severe disablement allowance	39.75	39.95

Earnings level at which child dependency increases are affected

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

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	58.90	59.20
25 or over	74.35	74.70
lone parent		
under 18	58.90	59.20
18 or over	74.35	74.70
couple		
both under 18	58.90	59.20
both under 18 with child	89.00	89.45
both under 18 (main phase)	74.35	74.70
both under 18 with child (main phase)	116.80	117.40
one 18 or over, one under 18 (certain conditions apply)	116.80	117.40
both over 18	116.80	117.40
claimant under 25, partner under 18	58.90	59.20
claimant 25 or over, partner under 18	74.35	74.70
claimant (main phase), partner under 18	74.35	74.70

### Premiums

enhanced disability		
single	17.10	17.20
couple	24.50	24.60
severe disability		
single	66.95	67.30
couple (lower rate)	66.95	67.30
couple (higher rate)	133.90	134.60
carer	37.50	37.70
pensioner		
single with work-related activity component	69.85	72.70
single with support component	60.20	63.00
single with no component	99.40	102.40
couple with work-related activity component	118.85	123.20
couple with support component	109.20	113.50
couple with no component	148.40	152.90

### Components

Work-related Activity	29.55	29.70
Support	39.20	39.40

## HOUSING BENEFIT

### Personal Allowances

single		
under 25	58.90	59.20
25 or over	74.35	74.70
entitled to main phase ESA	74.35	74.70
lone parent		
under 18	58.90	59.20

18 or over	74.35	74.70
entitled to main phase ESA	74.35	74.70
couple		
both under 18	89.00	89.45
one or both 18 or over	116.80	117.40
claimant entitled to main phase ESA	116.80	117.40
dependent children	68.27	68.60
single / lone parent - state pension age or over	187.75	191.15
couple - state pension age or over	280.85	286.05
for the claimant and the other party to the marriage where one or more members of the marriage are state pension age or over	280.85	286.05
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	93.10	94.90
Premiums		
family	17.60	17.65
family (lone parent rate)	22.20	22.20
disability		
single	34.95	35.10
couple	49.80	50.05
enhanced disability		
single	17.10	17.20
disabled child	26.60	26.67
couple	24.50	24.60
severe disability		
single	66.95	67.30
couple (lower rate)	66.95	67.30
couple (higher rate)	133.90	134.60
disabled child	65.52	65.94
carer	37.50	37.70
ESA components		
work-related activity	29.55	29.70
support	39.20	39.40
<b>INCAPACITY BENEFIT</b>		
Long-term Incapacity Benefit	114.15	114.70
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (under state pension age)		
lower rate	86.10	86.55
higher rate	101.90	102.40
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over state pension age)		
lower rate	109.50	110.05
higher rate	114.15	114.70

Increase of Long-term Incapacity Benefit for age		
higher rate	12.10	12.15
lower rate	6.70	6.75

Invalidity Allowance (Transitional)		
higher rate	12.10	12.15
middle rate	6.70	6.75
lower rate	6.70	6.75

#### **INCOME SUPPORT**

Personal Allowances		
single		
under 25	58.90	59.20
25 or over	74.35	74.70

lone parent		
under 18	58.90	59.20
18 or over	74.35	74.70

couple		
both under 18	58.90	59.20
both under 18 - higher rate	89.00	89.45
one under 18, one under 25	58.90	59.20
one under 18, one 25 and over	74.35	74.70
both 18 or over	116.80	117.40

dependent children	68.27	68.60
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#### **Premiums**

family / lone parent	17.60	17.65
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pensioner (applies to couples only)	148.40	152.90
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disability		
single	34.95	35.10
couple	49.80	50.05

enhanced disability		
single	17.10	17.20
disabled child	26.60	26.67
couple	24.50	24.60

severe disability		
single	66.95	67.30
couple (lower rate)	66.95	67.30
couple (higher rate)	133.90	134.60

disabled child	65.52	65.94
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carer	37.50	37.70
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Relevant sum for strikers	41.00	41.00
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#### **INDUSTRIAL DEATH BENEFIT**

Widow's pension		
higher rate	134.25	137.60
lower rate	40.28	41.28
Widower's pension	134.25	137.60



**INDUSTRIAL INJURIES DISABLEMENT BENEFIT**

Standard rate		
1.00	182.00	182.90
0.90	163.80	164.61
0.80	145.60	146.32
0.70	127.40	128.03
0.60	109.20	109.74
0.50	91.00	91.45
0.40	72.80	73.16
0.30	54.60	54.87
0.20	36.40	36.58
Maximum life gratuity (lump sum)	12080.00	12140.00
Unemployability Supplement	112.55	113.10
increase for early incapacity		
higher rate	23.30	23.40
middle rate	14.90	15.00
lower rate	7.45	7.50
Maximum reduced earnings allowance	72.80	73.16
Maximum retirement allowance	18.20	18.29
Constant attendance allowance		
exceptional rate	145.60	146.40
intermediate rate	109.20	109.80
normal maximum rate	72.80	73.20
part-time rate	36.40	36.60
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	72.80	73.20

**JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE**

Contribution based JSA - Personal Rates		
under 25	58.90	59.20
25 or over	74.35	74.70
Income-based JSA - Personal Allowances		
under 25	58.90	59.20
25 or over	74.35	74.70
lone parent		
under 18	58.90	59.20
18 or over	74.35	74.70
couple		
both under 18	58.90	59.20
both under 18 - higher rate	89.00	89.45
one under 18, one under 25	58.90	59.20
one under 18, one 25 and over	74.35	74.70
both 18 or over	116.80	117.40
dependent children	68.27	68.60
Premiums		
family / lone parent	17.60	17.65
pensioner		
single	99.40	102.40
couple	148.40	152.90

disability		
single	34.95	35.10
couple	49.80	50.05
enhanced disability		
single	17.10	17.20
disabled child	26.60	26.67
couple	24.50	24.60
severe disability		
single	66.95	67.30
couple (lower rate)	66.95	67.30
couple (higher rate)	133.90	134.60
disabled child	65.52	65.94
carer	37.50	37.70
Prescribed sum for strikers	41.00	41.00

#### MATERNITY ALLOWANCE

Standard rate	151.20	151.97
MA threshold	30.00	30.00

#### PENSION CREDIT

Standard minimum guarantee		
single	173.75	177.10
couple	265.20	270.30
Additional amount for severe disability		
single	66.95	67.30
couple (one qualifies)	66.95	67.30
couple (both qualify)	133.90	134.60
Additional amount for carers	37.50	37.70
Savings credit		
threshold - single	150.47	153.70
threshold - couple	239.17	244.12
maximum - single	13.97	14.04
maximum - couple	15.62	15.71
Children		
First child born before 6 April 2017	64.82	65.10
Subsequent children	54.32	54.60
Disabled child		
Lower rate	29.52	29.66
Higher rate	92.12	92.54
Amount for claimant and first spouse in polygamous marriage	265.20	270.30
Additional amount for additional spouse	91.45	93.20
Non-State Pensions (for Pension Credit purposes)		
Statutory minimum increase to non-state pensions	1.70%	0.50%

#### PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENT

Daily living component		
Enhanced	89.15	89.60
Standard	59.70	60.00
Mobility component		
Enhanced	62.25	62.55
Standard	23.60	23.70

**SEVERE DISABLEMENT ALLOWANCE**

Basic rate	80.85	81.25
Age-related addition (from Dec 90)		
Higher rate	12.10	12.15
Middle rate	6.70	6.75
Lower rate	6.70	6.75

**STATE PENSION****New State Pension**

Full rate	175.20	179.60
Transitional rate below full rate	3.9146%	2.5114%
Protected Payment	1.70%	0.50%
Increments - own (based on deferred new State Pension)	1.70%	0.50%
Increments - inherited (based on deferred old State Pension)	1.70%	0.50%

**Old State Pension**

Category A or B basic pension	134.25	137.60
Category B (lower) basic pension - spouse or civil partner's insurance	80.45	82.45
Category C or D - non-contributory	80.45	82.45

Additional pension	1.70%	0.50%
Maximum additional pension (own + inherited)	179.41	180.31

## Increments to:-

Basic pension	1.70%	0.50%
Additional pension	1.70%	0.50%
Graduated Retirement Benefit (GRB)	1.70%	0.50%
Inheritable lump sum	1.70%	0.50%

Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of pre-April 1988 contracted-out earnings	Nil	Nil
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Contracted-out Deduction from AP in respect of contracted-out earnings from April 1988 to 1997	1.70%	0.50%
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Graduated Retirement Benefit (unit)	0.1440	0.1447
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Increase of long term incapacity for age	1.70%	0.50%
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Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
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Increase of Long-term incapacity for age higher rate	23.30	23.40
lower rate	11.70	11.75

Invalidity Allowance (Transitional) for State Pension recipients higher rate	23.30	23.40
middle rate	14.90	15.00
lower rate	7.45	7.50

**STATUTORY ADOPTION PAY**

Earnings threshold	120.00	120.00
Standard Rate	151.20	151.97

**STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY**

Earnings threshold	120.00	120.00
Standard rate	151.20	151.97

**STATUTORY PATERNITY PAY**

Earnings threshold	120.00	120.00
Standard Rate	151.20	151.97

**STATUTORY SHARED PARENTAL PAY**

Earnings threshold	120.00	120.00
Standard rate	151.20	151.97

**STATUTORY PARENTAL BEREAVEMENT PAY**

Earnings threshold	120.00	120.00
Standard rate	151.20	151.97

**STATUTORY SICK PAY**

Earnings threshold	120.00	120.00
Standard rate	95.85	96.35

**UNIVERSAL CREDIT (monthly rates)**

Universal Credit Minimum Amount	0.01	0.01
Universal Credit Amounts		
Standard allowance		
Single		
Single under 25	256.05	257.33
Single 25 or over	323.22	324.84
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	401.92	403.93
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	507.37	509.91
Child amounts		
First child (born prior to 6 April 2017)	281.25	282.50
First child (born on or after 6 April 2017)/ second child and subsequent child (where an exception or transitional provision applies)	235.83	237.08
Disabled child additions		
Lower rate addition	128.25	128.89
Higher rate addition	400.29	402.41
Limited Capability for Work amount	128.25	128.89
Limited Capability for Work and Work-Related Activity amount	341.92	343.63
Carer amount	162.92	163.73
Childcare costs amount		
Maximum for one child	646.35	646.35
Maximum for two or more children	1108.04	1108.04
Non-dependants' housing cost contributions	75.15	75.53
Work allowances		
Higher work allowance (no housing amount)		
One or more dependent children or limited capability for work	512.00	515.00
Lower work allowance		
One or more dependent children or limited capability for work	292.00	293.00
UC Daily Reduction		
100% reduction rate		
Single		
Single under 25	8.40	8.40
Single 25 or over	10.60	10.60
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25 (per sanctioned claimant)	6.60	6.60
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over and one is sanctioned (per sanctioned claimant)	8.30	8.30

40% reduction rate		
Single		
Single under 25	3.30	3.30
Single 25 or over	4.20	4.20
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25 (per sanctioned claimant)	2.60	2.60
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over (per sanctioned claimant)	3.30	3.30
Third Party Deductions at 5% of UC Standard Allowance (excludes deductions for rent and service charges included in rent)		
Single		
Single under 25	12.80	12.87
Single 25 or over	16.16	16.24
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	20.10	20.20
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	25.37	25.50
Maximum deductions for Fines	108.35	108.35
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	25.61	25.73
Single 25 or over	32.32	32.48
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	40.19	40.39
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	50.74	50.99
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	51.21	51.47
Single 25 or over	64.64	64.97
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	80.38	80.79
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	101.47	101.98
Overall Maximum deduction Rate at 30% of UC Standard Allowance:		
Single		
Single under 25	76.82	77.20
Single 25 or over	96.97	97.45
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	120.58	121.18
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	152.21	152.97
Fraud Overpayments, Recoverable Hardship Payments and Administrative Penalties at 30% of UC Standard Allowance		
Single		
Single under 25	76.82	77.20
Single 25 or over	96.97	97.45
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	120.58	121.18
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	152.21	152.97
Child Maintenance Deduction	36.40	36.40

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

Single		
Single under 25	38.41	38.60
Single 25 or over	48.48	48.73
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	60.29	60.59
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	76.11	76.49

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	64.01	64.33
Single 25 or over	80.81	81.21
Couple		
Joint claimants both under 25	100.48	100.98
Joint claimants, one or both 25 or over	126.84	127.48

**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
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**WIDOW'S BENEFIT**

Widowed mother's allowance	121.95	122.55
Widow's pension		
standard rate	121.95	122.55
age-related		
age 54	113.41	113.97
53	104.88	105.39
52	96.34	96.81
51	87.80	88.24
50	79.27	79.66
49	70.73	71.08
48	62.19	62.50
47	53.66	53.92
46	45.12	45.34
45	36.59	36.77