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## Information request

*Can you please tell me under the Household Cap if ESA Support Group, DLA/PIP/AA are to be included in the £350 week/£500week for couples please. I am not referring to the overall cap on spending on welfare.*

## DWP response

The cap on household benefits, known as the benefit cap, limits the amount of benefits which households can receive to £500 per week for couples with or without children and lone parents; and £350 per week in the case of single people without children, or whose children do not live with them.

The benefit cap does not apply where the claimant, claimant's partner or a child or young person for whom the claimant is responsible is receiving Disability Living Allowance. Those receiving Employment and Support Allowance that includes a support component, Attendance Allowance, or a Personal Independent Payment are also exempt from the benefit cap.

A household may be affected by the cap if they have any grown-up children who still live with them and they qualify for one of these benefits. This is because they won't normally count as part of the household.

This information about the benefit cap is available on [www.gov.uk/benefit-cap](http://www.gov.uk/benefit-cap)