

**Incapacity Benefit / Severe Disablement Allowance claimants
resident abroad: February 2011**

Country	Incapacity Benefit	Severe Disablement Allowance	Total
Republic of Ireland	1,740	180	1,920
Spain	1,940	100	2,040
France	1,280	60	1,340
Germany	980	20	1,000
Italy	240	20	260
Cyprus	340	20	360
Netherlands	40	0	40
Portugal	280	20	300
Switzerland	60	0	60
Austria	80	0	80
Greece	160	0	160
Malta	180	0	180
Belgium	40	0	40
Sweden	160	0	160
Denmark	200	0	200
Norway	160	0	160
Poland	60	0	40
Gibraltar	20	0	20
Finland	80	0	80
Hungary	20	0	20
Bulgaria	40	0	40
The Czech Republic	20	0	20
Republic Of Lithuania	20	0	20
The Slovak Republic	20	0	20
USA	140	0	140
Jamaica	20	0	20
Jersey	20	0	20
Turkey	40	0	40

Source: DWP Management Information

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Notes:

1. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 20.
2. Note that Incapacity Benefit is a contributory-based benefit. **It is only payable to people who have paid sufficient relevant UK National Insurance contributions.** Incapacity Benefit is exportable within the EEA, Switzerland and certain Reciprocal Agreement (RA) countries for example, USA, Jamaica for an indefinite period of time, subject to medical controls. For all other countries, the Persons Abroad Regulations apply. Under the Persons Abroad Regulations, IB can be paid for 26 weeks after the customer leaves the UK, provided the absence is temporary and either: the customer has gone abroad for the specific purpose of receiving treatment for an incapacity that began before he or she left the UK, or the customer was continuously incapable of work for at least 6 months prior to the date that he or she left the UK, and has been continuously incapable of work since then.