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A1/2023: Housing Benefit uprating for the financial year ending March 2024

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Who should read

All Housing Benefit staff

Action

For information

Subject

Housing Benefit uprating for the financial year ending March 2024

Guidance Manual

The information in this circular does affect the content of the HB Guidance Manual and the HB/CTB Overpayments Guide.

HB Guidance Manual: Please annotate this circular number against paragraph A4 4.750, 4.900, A5 Annex A, BW3 Annex A and BP3 Annex A.

HB/CTB Overpayments Guide: Please annotate this circular number against paragraphs 4.260 – 4.264.

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Introduction

1. In his [written statement](https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2022-11-17/hcws374) (<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2022-11-17/hcws374>) to Parliament on 17 November 2022, the Secretary of State for the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) announced proposals for the social security benefit rates which will apply from April 2023.
2. This circular advises you of the rates so you can take the appropriate action. Note: At the time of writing, the Orders or regulations bringing the changes into

effect are still subject to the appropriate parliamentary process.

3. Any queries about the information contained in this circular should be emailed to housing.policyenquiries@dwp.gov.uk

Timing

4. In line with previous practice, the main Housing Benefit (HB) uprating will be introduced in advance of the setting of the main social security benefit rates. To coincide with the week in which many rents change, the 2023 uprating will take effect on:

- Saturday 1 April 2023 for cases to which regulation 79(3)(a)(i) of the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 (for Working Age customers) and regulation 59(3)(a)(i) of the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006 (for people who have attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit) applies, when rent is paid monthly or at any interval which is not a week or multiples of a week
- Monday 3 April 2023 for cases to which regulation 79(3)(a)(ii) of the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 (for Working Age customers) and regulation 59(3)(a)(ii) of the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006 (for people who have attained the qualifying age for Pension Credit) applies, when rent is paid on a weekly basis (or multiple of a week)

Uprating of income-related social security benefits

5. The main points are:

- the basic State Retirement Pension and the full rate of the new State Retirement Pension are being uprated by 10.1% in line with the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) in the financial year ending (FYE) March 2024
- the Standard Minimum Guarantee in Pension Credit is being increased by 10.1% this year to match the cash increase in the basic State Pension. The Savings Credit maximum is increased by CPI at 10.1% in FYE March 2024
- premiums paid to pensioner recipients of Working Age benefits will continue to be uprated to match Pension Credit rates
- premiums paid to disabled people receiving working age benefits and to Employment and Support Allowance claimants in the Support Group, will increase by CPI at 10.1% in FYE March 2024
- Working Age benefits (main rates and certain premiums and additions), including the CPI at 10.1% from April 2023

Up-rating of non-income related social security benefits

6. The higher and middle rate invalidity allowances and age additions payable with Incapacity Benefit (IB) will be increased from April 2023.

Up-rating of social security benefits: general

7. The following regulations allow you to take account of these rates on 1 April 2023 as appropriate:

1. Regulations 42(8) and 79(3) of the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006
2. Regulations 41(9), 41(10) and 59(3) of the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations 2006.

Associated guidance is set out in HB/CTB Guidance Manual at BP2 P2.790.

8. There is no provision in regulations to uprate a claimant's social security benefit other than by using the correct amount. Most claimants will know their rates of benefit well before April each year.

9. We are aware that many local authorities' (LAs) IT systems apply a percentage increase to uprate income from other social security benefits in the assessment of HB. In previous years we have advised that this method should, in most cases, produce accurate results; providing the LA has satisfied itself as to the accuracy of its method, it should be able to meet its duty to make proper determinations.

10. However, given the fact that in recent years some of the components paid in addition to the main rates of some benefits and the main rates themselves have been uprated by different indices, LAs should consider carefully whether applying standard percentages will result in correct determinations.

11. LAs should also take into account that specific Automated Transfers to LA Systems (ATLAS) uprating notifications are issued for all benefits on the Customer Information System (CIS) except for:

- Attendance Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance
- Personal Independence Payment
- Armed Forces Independence Payment
- Carer's Allowance
- State Retirement Pension
- Incapacity Benefit
- Severe Disability Allowance
- Bereavement Benefits
- Widow's Benefit

12. Should an LA decide to apply a percentage increase to uprate income, as a minimum, any information subsequently received via ATLAS should be compared with existing LA system data to ensure it matches.

13. From December 2019, LAs have had the facility to use the automation of the Pensions Strategy Computer System (PSCS) uprating process. This allows LAs to use an Application Programme Interface (API) to look up the PSCS benefit amount when needed and removes the requirement for LAs to manually apply the uprating increase to the PSCS amount when conducting their yearly uprating review of claimants' HB claims as the uprating process can be automated.

Tax Credits

14. Any changes to Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit (see Appendix E: Annex 1) will be effective from 6 April 2023 in line with the start of the new tax year.

15. ATLAS will notify tax credit information to LAs. All the current and new tax credit rates will be available on [www.gov.uk \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rates-and-allowances-tax-credits-child-benefit-and-guardians-allowance\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rates-and-allowances-tax-credits-child-benefit-and-guardians-allowance) from April 2023.

War Pensions

16. The new rates for War Pensions are not yet available and details of the new rates will be issued via a separate circular once Veterans UK release the figures.

Specific points of interest

Non-dependant deductions in HB

17. The deduction and income bands will increase for the FYE March 2024 and can be found at Appendices A and B.

Disregards in HB which remain unchanged

18. The childcare disregards in HB in line with Working Tax Credit weekly equivalents, remain at:

- a. £175.00 for one child
- b. £300.00 for two or more children

19. The additional earnings disregard in HB that can be applied to those entitled to Working Tax Credit is £17.10. See [HB Guidance manual BW2 \(https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/236962/hbgm-bw2-assessment-of-income.pdf\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/236962/hbgm-bw2-assessment-of-income.pdf) paragraphs BW2.132-2.140.

Deductions for ineligible fuel charges

20. The CPI for fuel and lighting in September 2022 was 70.1% and the government has decided to freeze the rates for statutory fuel deductions from HB for the FYE March 2024. The rates for statutory fuel deductions are shown in Appendix A.

One room rate deduction

21. The formula for the one room rate deduction is set out in HB Regulations 2006 at Schedule 1, part 2, paragraph 6(2)(a) to (c) and (3). Sub-paragraph (3) states the ineligible amount for service charges when the accommodation consists of only one room shall be one half of the aggregate of the amounts specified in sub-paragraph (2)(a), (b) and (c), see Appendices A and B.

State Pension Credit: maximum Savings Credit

22. The amount of the maximum Savings Credit will be £15.94 for a single person and £17.84 for a couple. These figures cannot be used to calculate a likely Savings Credit entitlement from April 2023. Savings Credit is calculated on an individual basis, using the income and capital of that person. In addition, HB (SPC) Regulation 27 states that the Pension Service calculation of income, capital and Savings Credit must be used.

National Insurance contribution rates

23. A full set of rates for the FYE March 2024 will be available on [www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/national-insurance-rates-letters) (<https://www.gov.uk/national-insurance-rates-letters>) from 6 April 2023.

Establishing eligible rent

24. The calculation of eligible rent for a claimant renting in the social and private sectors is not affected by this circular or by the uprating of benefits overall. It continues to subject to the rules in Part 3 of the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 and Part 3 of the HB (SPC) Regulations 2006.

Appendix A: Housing Benefit for people of working age

Housing Benefit rates for people who have not reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	April 2022 (£ Weekly)	April 2023 (£ Weekly)
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Personal Allowances

Single

Housing Benefit rates for people who have not reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	April 2022 (£ Weekly)	April 2023 (£ Weekly)
16 to 24	61.05	67.20
25 or over	77.00	84.80
Any age - entitled to main phase rate Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)	77.00	84.80
Lone parent		
Under 18	61.05	67.20
18 or over	77.00	84.80
Any age - entitled to main phase rate ESA	77.00	84.80
Couple		
Both under 18	92.20	101.50
One or both over 18	121.05	133.30
Any age - entitled to main phase rate ESA	121.05	133.30
Polygamous marriages		
If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and no members of the marriage have attained pensionable age		
For the claimant and the other party to the marriage	121.05	133.30
For each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant	44.05	48.50
Dependent children		
From birth to September following 16th birthday	70.80	77.78
From September following 16th birthday to day before 20th birthday	70.80	77.78
Premiums		
Family Premium	17.85	18.53

Housing Benefit rates for people who have not reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	April 2022 (£ Weekly)	April 2023 (£ Weekly)
Family Premium (lone parent rate)	22.20	22.20
Disability Premium		
Single	36.20	39.85
Couple	51.60	56.80
Enhanced Disability Premium		
Single rate	17.75	19.55
Couple rate	25.35	27.90
Disabled child rate	27.44	30.17
Severe Disability Premium		
Single	69.40	76.40
Couple (one qualifies)	69.40	76.40
Couple (both qualify)	138.80	152.80
Disabled Child Premium	68.04	74.69
Carer Premium	38.85	42.75
Components ESA income related (IR) and ESA (contribution-based)		
Work-related activity component	30.60	33.70
Support component	40.60	44.70
Deductions		
Non-dependant deductions		
Aged under 25 and on Income Support (IS) or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA(IB)) or ESA(IR) which does not include an amount for the support component or work-related activity component or UC	Nil	Nil

Housing Benefit rates for people who have not reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	April 2022 (£ Weekly)	April 2023 (£ Weekly)
where the award is calculated on the basis that the non-dependant does not have any earned income		
Aged 25 or over and on IS or JSA(IB), or aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work	16.45	18.10
In receipt of main phase ESA(IR) (any age)	16.45	18.10
In receipt of Pension Credit	Nil	Nil
Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		
- gross income: less than £162	16.45	18.10
- gross income: £162 to £235.99	37.80	41.60
- gross income: £236 to £307.99	51.85	57.10
- gross income: £308 to £409.99	84.85	93.40
- gross income: £410 to £510.99	96.60	106.35
- gross income: £511 and above	106.05	116.75
Fuel deductions		
Heating	35.25	35.25
Hot water	4.10	4.10
Lighting	2.85	2.85
Cooking	4.10	4.10
All fuel	46.30	46.30
Fuel deductions one room		
Heating and hot water and/or lighting	21.10	21.10
Cooking	4.10	4.10
Amounts ineligible for meals		

Housing Benefit rates for people who have not reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	April 2022 (£ Weekly)	April 2023 (£ Weekly)
Three or more meals a day		
Single claimant	30.10	33.15
Each person in family aged 16 or over	30.10	33.15
Each child under 16	15.25	16.80
Less than 3 meals a day		
Single claimant	20.05	22.10
Each person in the family aged 16 or over	20.05	22.10
Each child under 16	10.05	11.05
Breakfast only - claimant and each member of family	3.70	4.05
Disregards		
Childcare charges	175.00	175.00
Childcare charges (2 or more children)	300.00	300.00
Additional earnings	17.10	17.10
Income from sub-tenants	20.00	20.00
Permitted earnings – higher	152.00	167.00
Permitted earnings – lower	20.00	20.00
Recovery of overpayments		
Non-fraudulent overpayments	11.55	12.75
Fraudulent overpayments	19.25	21.25
Capital limits		
Upper limit	16,000	16,000
Lower limit	6,000	6,000

Appendix B: Housing Benefit for people of State Pension Credit age

Housing Benefit rates for people who have reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	April 2022 (£ Weekly)	April 2023 (£ Weekly)
Personal Allowances		
Single claimant who has attained pensionable age	197.10	217.00
Single claimant who has attained pensionable age on or after 1 April 2021	182.60	201.05
Lone parent who has attained pensionable age	197.10	217.00
Lone parent who has attained pensionable age on or after 1 April 2021	182.60	201.05
Couple		
One member or both members have attained pensionable age before 1 April 2021	294.90	324.70
Both members have attained pensionable age on or after 1 April 2021	278.70	306.85
Polygamous Marriages		
If the claimant is a member of a polygamous marriage and one or more of the members of the marriage have attained pensionable age before 1 April 2021		
For the claimant and the other party to the marriage	294.90	324.70
For each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant	97.80	107.70
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	278.70	306.85
For each additional spouse who is a member of the same household as the claimant	96.10	105.80

Housing Benefit rates for people who have reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	April 2022 (£ Weekly)	April 2023 (£ Weekly)
Dependent children		
From birth to September following 16th birthday	70.80	77.78
From September following 16th birthday to day before 20th birthday	70.80	77.78
Premiums		
Family Premium	17.85	18.53
Severe Disability Premium		
Single	69.40	76.40
Couple (one qualifies)	69.40	76.40
Couple (both qualify)	138.80	152.80
Enhanced Disability Premium		
Disabled child rate	27.44	30.17
Disabled Child Premium	68.04	74.69
Carer Premium	38.85	42.75
Non-dependant deductions		
Aged under 25 and on Income Support (IS) or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA(IB)) or ESA(IR) which does not include an amount for the support component or work-related activity component or UC where the award is calculated on the basis that the non-dependant does not have any earned income	Nil	Nil
Aged 25 or over and on IS or JSA(IB) or aged over 18 or over and not in remunerative work	16.45	18.10
In receipt of main phase ESA(IR) (any age)	16.45	18.10
In receipt of State Pension Credit	Nil	Nil
Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work		

Housing Benefit rates for people who have reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	April 2022 (£ Weekly)	April 2023 (£ Weekly)
- gross income: less than £162	16.45	18.10
- gross income: £162 to £235.99	37.80	41.60
- gross income: £236 to £307.99	51.85	57.10
- gross income: £308 to £409.99	84.85	93.40
- gross income: £410 to £510.99	96.60	106.35
- gross income: £511 and above	106.05	116.75
Fuel deductions		
Heating	35.25	35.25
Hot water	4.10	4.10
Lighting	2.85	2.85
Cooking	4.10	4.10
All fuel	46.30	46.30
Fuel deductions for one room		
Heating and hot water and/or lighting	21.10	21.10
Cooking	4.10	4.10
Amounts ineligible for meals		
Three or more meals a day		
Single claimant	30.10	33.15
Each person in family aged 16 or over	30.10	33.15
Each child under 16	15.25	16.80
Less than 3 meals a day		
Single claimant	20.05	22.10

Housing Benefit rates for people who have reached the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	April 2022 (£ Weekly)	April 2023 (£ Weekly)
Each person in the family aged 16 or over	20.05	22.10
Each child under 16	10.05	11.05
Breakfast only – claimant and each member of family	3.70	4.05
Disregards		
Childcare charges	175.00	175.00
Childcare charges (2 or more children)	300.00	300.00
Additional earnings disregard	17.10	17.10
Income from sub-tenants	20.00	20.00
Permitted earnings – higher	152.00	167.00
Permitted earnings – lower	20.00	20.00
Recovery of Overpayments		
Standard Rate (Non-fraud debt)	11.55	12.75
Maximum Rate (Fraud classified debt)	19.25	21.25
Capital limits		
Upper limit – State Pension Credit guarantee credit not in payment	16,000	16,000
Upper limit – State Pension Credit guarantee credit in payment	No limit	No limit
Lower limit – above the qualifying age for State Pension Credit	10,000	10,000

Appendix C – Annex 1: Income Support rates

Income Support rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Personal Allowances		
Single		
Under 25	61.05	67.20
Aged 25 or over	77.00	84.80
Lone parent		
Under 18	61.05	67.20
18 or over	77.00	84.80
Couple		
Both under 18	61.05	67.20
Both under 18 - higher rate (for example, with responsibility for a child)	92.20	101.50
One under 18, one 18 to 24	61.05	67.20
One under 18, one aged 25 or over	77.00	84.80
Both 18 or over	121.05	133.30
Dependent children		
From birth to September following 16th birthday	70.80	77.78
From September following 16th birthday to day before 20th birthday	70.80	77.78
Premiums		
Family Premium	17.85	18.53
Family Premium (lone parent rate)	17.85	18.53
Pensioner Premium (couples only)	157.65	173.55
Disability Premium		

Income Support rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Single	36.20	39.85
Couple	51.60	56.80
Enhanced Disability Premium		
Single rate	17.75	19.55
Couple rate	25.35	27.90
Disabled child rate	27.44	30.17
Severe Disability Premium		
Single	69.40	76.40
Couple (one qualifies)	69.40	76.40
Couple (both qualify)	138.80	152.80
Disabled Child Premium	68.04	74.69
Carer Premium	38.85	42.75
Capital limits		
Upper	16,000	16,000
Lower	6,000	6,000

Appendix C – Annex 2: Jobseeker's Allowance rates

Jobseeker's Allowance rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance		
Personal Rates		
Under 25	61.05	67.20

Jobseeker's Allowance rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Aged 25 or over	77.00	84.80
Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance		
Personal Allowances		
Single		
Under 25	61.05	67.20
Aged 25 or over	77.00	84.80
Lone parent		
Under 18	61.05	67.20
18 or over	77.00	84.80
Couple		
Both under 18	61.05	67.20
Both under 18 - higher rate (for example, with responsibility for a child)	92.20	101.50
One under 18, one 18 to 24	61.05	67.20
One under 18, one aged 25 or over	77.00	84.80
Both 18 or over	121.05	133.30
Dependent children		
From birth to September following 16th birthday	70.80	77.78
From September following 16th birthday to day before 20th birthday	70.80	77.78
Premiums		
Family Premium	17.85	18.53
Family Premium (lone parent rate)	17.85	18.53
Pensioner Premium		

Jobseeker's Allowance rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Single	105.60	116.25
Couple	157.65	173.55
Disability Premium		
Single	36.20	39.85
Couple	51.60	56.80
Enhanced Disability Premium		
Single	17.75	19.55
Couple	25.35	27.90
Disabled child rate	27.44	30.17
Severe Disability Premium		
Single	69.40	76.40
Couple (one qualifies)	69.40	76.40
Couple (both qualify)	138.80	152.80
Disabled child premium	68.04	74.69
Carer Premium	38.85	42.75
Capital limits		
Upper	16,000	16,000
Lower	6,000	6,000

Appendix C – Annex 3: Employment and Support Allowance rates

Employment and Support Allowance rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Personal Allowances		
Single		
Under 25 and in Assessment Phase	61.05	67.20
Aged 25 or over	77.00	84.80
Any age and in Main Phase	77.00	84.80
Lone parent		
Aged under 18 and in Assessment Phase	61.05	67.20
Aged 18 or over	77.00	84.80
Any age and in Main Phase	77.00	84.80
Couple		
Both under 18 and in Assessment Phase	61.05	67.20
Both under 18 with responsibility for a child and in Assessment Phase	92.20	101.50
Both under 18 and in Main Phase	77.00	84.80
Both under 18 with responsibility for a child and in Main Phase	121.05	133.30
One 18 or over and the other while under 18, also satisfies certain conditions	121.05	133.30
Both 18 or over	121.05	133.30
Claimant under 25 and in Assessment Phase and partner under 18	61.05	67.20
Claimant 25 or over and in Assessment Phase and partner under 18	77.00	84.80
Claimant in Main Phase and partner under 18	77.00	84.80
Premiums		

Employment and Support Allowance rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Carer Premium	38.85	42.75
Enhanced Disability Premium		
Single	17.75	19.55
Couple	25.35	27.90
Pensioner Premium		
Single and in Assessment Phase	105.60	116.25
Single, entitled to work-related activity component	75.00	82.55
Single, entitled to support component	65.00	71.55
Couple, and in Assessment Phase	157.65	173.55
Couple, entitled to work-related activity component	127.05	139.85
Couple, entitled to support component	117.05	128.85
Severe Disability Premium		
Single	69.40	76.40
Couple (one qualifies)	69.40	76.40
Couple (both qualify)	138.80	152.80
Components		
Work-related activity component	30.60	33.70
Support component	40.60	44.70
Capital limits		
Upper	16,000	16,000
Lower	6,000	6,000

Appendix C – Annex 4: State Pension Credit rates

State Pension Credit rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Standard Guarantee Credit		
Single	182.60	201.05
Couple	278.70	306.85
Additional amount for severe disability		
Single	69.40	76.40
Couple (one qualifies)	69.40	76.40
Couple (both qualify)	138.80	152.80
Polygamous marriages		
Amount for claimant and first spouse	278.70	306.85
Amount for additional spouse	96.10	105.80
Additional amount for Carers (Carer Premium)	38.85	42.75
Savings credit		
Threshold – single	158.47	174.49
Threshold – couple	251.70	277.12
Maximum – single	14.48	15.94
Maximum – couple	16.20	17.84
Dependent children		
First child born before 1 April 2017	66.85	72.31
Subsequent children	56.35	61.88

State Pension Credit rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Disabled child		
Lower rate	30.58	33.67
Higher rate	95.48	104.86

Appendix C – Annex 5: Universal Credit rates (monthly rates)

UC rates (monthly rates)	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Standard Allowance / Element		
Single		
Under 25	265.31	292.11
25 or over	334.91	368.74
Couple		
Both under 25	416.45	458.51
One or both 25 or over	525.72	578.82
Child element		
First child (born before 6 April 2017)	290.00	315.00
First child (born on or after 6 April 2017) / Second or subsequent child	244.58	269.58
Additional amount for disabled child or qualifying young person		
Lower rate	132.89	146.31
Higher rate	414.88	456.89
Limited capability for work / limited capability for work and work-related activity elements		

UC rates (monthly rates)	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Limited capability for work	132.89	146.31
Limited capability for work and work-related activity	354.28	390.06
Non-dependants' housing cost contributions	77.87	85.73
Carer Element	168.81	185.86

Appendix D: Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates

Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Attendance Allowance		
Higher rate	92.40	101.75
Lower rate	61.85	68.10
Bereavement Benefits		
Widowed Parent's Allowance	126.35	139.10
Bereavement Allowance		
Standard Rate	126.35	139.10
Age-related rate		
Age 54	117.51	129.36
Age 53	108.66	119.63
Age 52	99.82	109.89
Age 51	90.97	100.15
Age 50	82.13	90.42
Age 49	73.28	80.68

Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Age 48	64.44	70.94
Age 47	55.59	61.20
Age 46	46.75	51.47
Age 45	37.91	41.73
Bereavement Support Payment		
Lump sum		
Higher rate	3,500	3,500
Lower rate	2,500	2,500
Monthly payments		
Higher rate	350.00	350.00
Lower rate	100.00	100.00
Carer's Allowance		
Standard rate	69.70	76.75
Disability Living Allowance		
Care component		
Higher rate	92.40	101.75
Middle rate	61.85	68.10
Lower rate	24.45	26.90
Mobility component		
Higher rate	64.50	71.00
Lower rate	24.45	26.90
Incapacity Benefit		
Long-term Incapacity Benefit		

Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Single	118.25	130.20
Spouse or adult dependant (where appropriate)	68.70	75.65
Short term Incapacity Benefit (under pension age)		
Lower rate	89.25	98.25
Higher rate	105.55	116.20
Spouse or adult dependant (where appropriate)	53.50	58.90
Short-term Incapacity Benefit (over pension age)		
Lower rate	113.45	124.90
Higher rate	118.25	130.20
Spouse or adult dependant (where appropriate)	66.10	72.80
Increase of long-term Incapacity Benefit for age		
Higher rate	12.55	13.80
Lower rate	6.95	7.65
Invalidity Allowance (transitional) for Incapacity Benefit recipients		
Higher rate	12.55	13.80
Middle rate	6.95	7.65
Lower rate	6.95	7.65
Industrial Death Benefit		
Widow's Pension		
Higher rate	141.85	156.20
Lower rate	42.56	46.86

Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Widower's pension	141.85	156.20
Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit		
Disablement Benefit (100% assessment)	188.60	207.60
Unemployability supplement	116.60	128.40
Reduced earnings allowance (maximum)	75.44	83.04
Maternity Allowance		
Standard Rate	156.66	172.48
Threshold	30.00	30.00
Personal Independence Payment		
Daily Living Component		
Standard Rate	61.85	68.10
Enhanced Rate	92.40	101.75
Mobility component		
Standard rate	24.45	26.90
Enhanced rate	64.50	71.00
Severe Disablement Allowance		
Basic rate	83.75	92.20
Spouse or other adult dependant (where appropriate)	41.20	45.35
Age-related additions		
Higher rate	12.55	13.80
Middle rate	6.95	7.65
Lower rate	6.95	7.65

Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Old State Pension		
Category A or B (Single Person)	141.85	156.20
Category B (lower) – spouse or civil partner’s insurance	85.00	93.60
Category C (higher) or Category D non-contributory	85.00	93.60
Additional State Pension – rate may vary	3.10%	10.10%
Increments to:		
Basic State Pension	3.10%	10.10%
Additional State Pension	3.10%	10.10%
Graduated Retirement Benefit	3.10%	10.10%
Inheritable lump sum	3.10%	10.10%
Addition at age 80	0.25	0.25
Increase in respect of long-term incapacity for age:	3.10%	10.10%
Higher rate	24.15	26.60
Lower rate	12.10	13.30
Invalidity Allowance (transitional)		
Higher rate	24.15	26.60
Middle rate	15.50	17.10
Lower rate	7.75	8.55
New State Pension (full rate)	185.15	203.85
Statutory Adoption Pay		
Earnings threshold	123.00	123.00

Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates	April 2022 £ weekly	April 2023 £ weekly
Standard rate	156.66	172.48
Statutory Maternity Pay		
Earnings threshold	123.00	123.00
Standard rate	156.66	172.48
Statutory Paternity Pay		
Earnings threshold	123.00	123.00
Standard rate	156.66	172.48
Statutory Shared Parental Pay		
Earnings threshold	123.00	123.00
Standard rate	156.66	172.48
Statutory Parental Bereavement Pay		
Earnings threshold	123.00	123.00
Standard rate	156.66	172.48
Statutory Sick Pay		
Earnings threshold	123.00	123.00
Standard rate	99.35	109.40

Appendix E: Non-social security payments and rates

Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance rates

Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance rates	2022-2023 £ a year (unless stated)	2023-2024 £ a year (unless stated)
Working Tax Credit		
Basic element	2,070	2,280
Couple and lone parent element	2,125	2,340
Thirty Hour element	860	950
Disabled worker element	3,345	3,685
Severe disability element	1,445	1,595
Childcare element of Working Tax Credit		
Maximum eligible cost of one child (per week)	175	175
Maximum eligible cost for two or more children (per week)	300	300
Percentage of eligible costs covered	70%	70%
Child Tax Credit		
Family element	545	545
Child element	2,935	3,235
Disabled child element	3,545	3,905
Severely disabled child element	4,975	5,480
Income thresholds and withdrawal rates		
Income threshold	6,770	7,455
Withdrawal rate (percent %)	41%	41%
Threshold for those entitled to Child Tax Credit only	17,005	18,725
Income rise disregard	2,500	2,500

Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance rates	2022-2023 £ a year (unless stated)	2023-2024 £ a year (unless stated)
Income fall disregard	2,500	2,500
Child Benefit (weekly)		
Eldest / only child	21.80	24.00
Other children	14.45	15.90
Guardian's Allowance (weekly)	18.55	20.40

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