

THIS TABLE IS ONLY A GUIDE TO BENEFITS - CHECK DETAILS WITH YOUR LOCAL CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau)

STATE BENEFITS - NOT MEANS TESTED

BENEFIT	2010/11 AMOUNT	QUALIFICATION	TAXABLE	HOW CLAIMED
Attendance Allowance				
Higher rate	£71.40pw	Age 65+ Day and Night care required	No	Benefit Enquiry Line Freephone 0800 882200 or www.directgovuk/disability
Lower rate	£47.80pw	Age 65+ Day or Night care required		

Bereavement Allowance

Bereavement Payment	£2000 lump sum	Mainly Pension on own record or partner widows/widowers/civil partners where deceased not entitled to State Pension on own record when they died	No	Contact local job centre Plus office or phone 0800 055 6688 for Form BB1
Carers Allowance	£53.90pw	Caring for someone in receipt of Attendance Allowance, middle or higher rate care component of DLA (disability Living Allowance) or Constant Attendance Allowance for at least 35 hours a week, but earnings limit of £95 pw. The Allowance can be reduced by the amount of certain other benefits received e.g. State Pension	Yes	Benefit Enquiry Line 0800 882200 or the Carer's Allowance claim pack order line 01772 899729

Council Tax

Exempt	No Council tax payable	Empty property if e.g. in hospital, care home or gone to live with someone else who provides personal care	N/A	Contact Local Council
Disabled	Lower Council Tax band	Property has certain features necessary for a disabled person		
Discounts	50% or 25% reduction	No people or one person living in the property (mentally impaired people are not counted). Can apply to a carer in some cases		

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Mobility Component	2010/11 AMOUNT	QUALIFICATION	TAXABLE	HOW CLAIMED
Higher rate	£49.85 pw	High mobility needs		www.directgovuk/disability
Lower rate	£18.95 pw	Some mobility needs		

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Housing & Council Tax Benefit	Maximum is 100% relief for housing rent and council tax	Dependant on income & capital. If entitled to guarantee part of Pension Credit there is no capital limit	No	Contact local council
Heating repairs improvements & adaptations	Loans or grants for the home e.g. for disabled facilities	Based on local authority published policy (varies from council to council)		Contact housing department of local authority

Pension Credits

Standard minimum guarantee (couple)	Will top up income to minimum guarantee of £202.40 pw	Age 60+ Income will be assumed to be £1pw for every £500 of savings or capital over £10,000. Standard minimum amounts can be increased for severe disability, carers and for those with housing costs (e.g. mortgage interest)	No	Freephone 0800 991234
Standard minimum guarantee (single)	Will top up income to minimum guarantee of £132.60 pw			
Savings credit (couple)	Maximum of £27.09 pw	At least one person in household must be age 65+		
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Social Fund Funeral Payment	Various funeral costs reduced by any money from deceased estate	The person claiming is receiving a means tested benefit	No	Contact local jobcentre Plus for claim form SF 200