



Benefits Overview

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Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available to those unemployed or working less than 16 hours per week who are able to work. You must show you are available for, and are actively seeking work. You sign on fortnightly at the Job Centre, or more frequently if requested by your adviser 	Age 16-24: £57.90 Age 25+: £73.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are deemed to not be sticking to your job seekers commitment (Claimant Commitment), you may be sanctioned. Hardship payments are potentially available to support you if you are sanctioned. 	https://www.gov.uk/jobseekers-allowance/how-to-claim	
Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those who are unable to work or have a limited capability for work because of an illness or disability. This replaced Incapacity benefit After making a claim, you must complete the work capability assessment. If you pass this you can claim ESA. You then undergo the limited capability for work related activity assessment to see whether you will be put into the support group (not looking for work) or work related activity group (may have to look for some work) 	<p>Basic Allowance:</p> Age 16 – 24: £57.90 Age 16-24: £ 73.10 (after assessment) Age 25+: £73.10	<p>After assessment:</p> Work related activity component - £29.05 Support component - £ 36.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited capability for work assessment should take place around 13 weeks of making your claim, but it can be much longer. If you fail this, you can ask mandatory reconsideration and then appeal, or, claim JSA. After your assessment if found to have limited capability for work, you will be put in to one of two groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work-related activity group – with regular interviews with an adviser. - Support group - where you don't have interviews. 	https://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance/how-to-claim



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Income Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those who are not expected to sign on, such as lone parents with children under the age of 5 Must not be working more than 16 hours per week Can be available to those who are classed as carers to top up their income 	Age 16 – 24: £57.90 Age 25+: £73.10 Lone parent under 18: £57.90 Lone parent aged 18 and over: £73.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are lots of exceptions under Income Support so please check if you think you may be eligible 	https://www.gov.uk/income-support/how-to-claim
DLA (existing claimants only or children under 16)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paid to those who have a physical or mental illness or disability, aged under 65 and need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help with personal care or supervision to avoid danger to yourself and others. Help with getting about outdoors or Help with both of these Two components - care and mobility May have a medical assessment to assess if you meet the criteria for DLA New claims and renewals for DLA will be moved onto Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Everyone will eventually transfer over to PIP 	Care: Low - £21.80 Middle - £55.10 High - £82.30 Mobility: High - £57.45 Low - £21.80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are special rules for those who are terminally ill or receiving certain treatments Paid regardless of all/any other income - can claim whilst working if you meet the criteria 	https://www.gov.uk/dla-disability-living-allowance-benefit/overview



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Attendance Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid if you are over 65 and need help with personal care or supervision to avoid danger to yourself and others. • No help with mobility problems • Can claim if over 65 and are terminally ill 	<p>£82.30 if you need care day and night or you are terminally ill</p> <p>£55.10 if you need care either by day or night</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid on top of all over benefits/ income 	https://www.gov.uk/attendance-allowance/how-to-claim
Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid if you have a physical or mental illness or disability and you have limited or severely limited ability to carry out daily living activities or mobility activities • Two components - mobility and daily living • paid at two rates - standard and enhanced • For those under 65 • Replaced DLA for new claims from April 2013 • Specific descriptors which claimants are assessed against - 8 points required to meet the standard level, 12 points for enhanced on both components 	<p>Mobility: Standard- £21.80 Enhanced - £57.45</p> <p>Daily Living: Standard - £55.10 Enhanced - £82.30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid on top of all benefits/ income 	https://www.gov.uk/pip/how-to-claim



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Child Tax Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gives financial help to those who have children under the of 16, or up to age 20 if the child is in full time, non-advanced education Made up of several elements depending on your circumstance You do not have to be working to get Child Tax Credits HMRC are responsible for administering these 	<p>£545 family element</p> <p>£2780 child element per child in the family</p> <p>£3140 disabled child element</p> <p>£1275 severely disabled child element</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your situation changes and you do not inform HMRC, you may get an overpayment which has to be paid back 	<p>https://www.gov.uk/child-tax-credit/how-to-claim</p>



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Working Tax Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can claim Working Tax Credits if you are working and are aged 16 and over, depending on certain criteria. Lone parents must work at least 16 hours per week to be eligible Couples must work at least 24 hours per week in total, with one partner working at least 16 of those hours. If you have a physical or mental disability which puts you at a disadvantage you must work 16 hours per week Aged over 60 and working at least 16 hours per week Aged over 25 and working at least 30 hours per week Made up of several elements depending on your circumstance 	£1960 basic element £2010 couple element £2010 lone parent element £810 30 hour element £2970 disability element £1275 severe disability element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your situation changes and you do not inform HMRC, you may get an overpayment which has to be paid back 	https://www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit/how-to-claim



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Child Benefit	<p>You can claim if you are responsible for a child or qualifying young person.</p> <p>You can claim when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child is aged under 16 • Aged 16 who has left education or training (until 31st August following child's 16th birthday) • Aged 16 and 17 and has recently left education or training and is registered for work, education or training, not in paid work of 24 hours per week or more • Aged 16 or over but under 20 and in full time education or approved training • Aged 16 to 20 and has completed a full time non-advanced education or approved training and is enrolled or accepted in a continuing course before their 19th birthday • May get a child benefit extension which starts on the Monday after education or training stops and lasts for 20 weeks, or up to their 18th birthday, whichever is earlier • Ignored income for all applications to benefit 	<p>£20.70 for the eldest child</p> <p>£13.70 per subsequent child</p>		<p>https://www.gov.uk/child-benefit/how-to-claim</p>

