

MEANS TESTED BENEFITS

Universal Credit Monthly figures

replaced majority new claims for all **working age** means tested benefits (IS/IRJSA/IRESA /HB) Monthly Amounts

Capital Limit £16K – 6K/10K disregard

Single Standard Allowance

Under 25 £342.72

25 + £409.89

Couple Standard Allowance

Both under 25 £488.59

One or both over 25 £594.04

Child elements

Higher amount 1st born if born before 06.04.17

£281.25

Other Children £235.83

(2 child limit rules apply child born after 6/4/17 unless exempt)

Disabled child elements

Higher (HRCC/Enh DL) £400.29

Lower (Any other PIP/DLA) £128.25

Limited capability work n/a claims after 03/04/17 £128.25

Limited Capability Work Related Activity £341.92

Carer Element £162.92

Childcare Element 85% of mthly eligible cost up to max of 1 child £646.35 or 2+ children £1108.04.

Work Allowances Disregarded earnings if have children or have LCW/LCWRA £292.00 or £512.00

Higher figure applies if have no UC housing costs

(unless living temp accommodation).

Housing Cost Element Payable at Local Housing

Allowance (LHA) rates See www.sefton.gov.uk/benefits

(minus if applicable - Bedroom Tax and/or non-dependant deduction NDD)

Housing Cost Contribution (NDD) £75.15mth

Many Non dependant exempt inc Under 21yrs, has child under 5yrs: on DL PIP, AA, AFIP, MRC/HRC DLA, PC, CA; or claimant receives DLPIP, MRC/HRC DLA, AFIP, AA or Reg Blind.

Bedroom Tax Reduction 1 Bed 14%/2+ Bed 25% Eligible Rent

Home Owners From 06/04/2018 support for mortgage interest (SMI) was replaced with a system of loans all means tested benefits.

*Due to Covid19 Standard Allowances Universal Credit and Tax Credit have been increased by £20 per week for this Tax Year.

Income Related Employment Support Allowance

Capital Limit £16,000 (£6k/10k Disregarded)

Under 25 - assessment Phase £58.90

Under 25 – main phase £74.35

25 or over £74.35

Lone Parent

18 or over £74.35

Under 18 assessment phase £58.90

Under 18 main phase £74.35

Couples

Both 18 or over £116.80

Both under 18 assessment phase £89.00

Both under 18 main phase £116.80

One 25 or over £74.35

One 18-24 assessment phase £58.90

One 18-24 main phase £74.35

Work related Activity Comp. (Claims Pre 03/04/17) £29 55

Support Component (LCWRA) £39.20

Premiums

	Single	Couple
Enhanced Disability Premium	£17.10	£24.50
Severe Disability Premium	£66.95	£133.90
Carer Premium	£37.50	-

ESA Pensioner Premiums (reduced if Components paid)

Assessment Phase £99.40 £148.40

Work Related Activities £69.85 £118.85

Support Component £60.20 £109.20

Income Support / Income Related Jobseekers

Capital Limit £16,000 (£6k/£10k Disregarded)

Personal Allowances

Single

Under 25 £58.90

Over 25 £74.35

Lone Parent

Under 18 £58.90

Age 18+ £74.35

Couples

One or both under 18 £58.90 /£89.00

One under 18, one under 25 £58.90

One under 18, other under 25 £74.35

Under 18 (one or both) with Child £89.00

Both over 18 £116.80

Premiums as for Income Related ESA except

Disability £34.95 single / £49.80 Couple

Pensioner (IB JSA only) £99.40 Single / £148.40 Coupe

*Figures are all weekly unless stated otherwise

Pension Credit (Pension Age or over)

Disregarded Capital £10,000 No Upper Capital Limit

Guarantee Credit	Single	Couple
Standard Minimum Guarantee	£173.75	£265.20

Additions

Severe Disability	£66.95	£133.90
Carers	£37.50	
Child (born before 6/4/17)	£64.82	
Standard	£54.32	

Disabled child elements

Higher (HRCC/Enh DL)	£92.12	
Lower (Any other PIP/DLA)	£29.52	

Savings Credit (65 or over)

Saving Credit Threshold	£150.47	£239.17
Maximum Saving Credit	£13.97	£15.62

RCH/NCH Care Home Personal Expenses £24.90

Housing Benefit

Capital Upper 16k Lower £6k

Most figures/premiums same as IR Employment

Support Allowance ESA except

Single Claimant 65 or over	£187.75
Couples, one or both aged 65 or over	£280.85
Dependent child	£68.27

(2 child limit rules apply child born after 6/4/17 unless exempt)

Family Premium (pre 01/05/16 claims only) £17.60

Non-dependent Deductions (NDD) reduces entitlement if adult (not partner) lives with claimant – and not exempt.

Non dependant age 18 or over in remunerative Work

Income	Housing Benefit
Over £469	£102.35
£377 - £468.99	£93.25
£283 - £376.99	£81.90
£217 - 282.99	£50.05
£149 - £216.99	£36.45
Less than £149	£15.85

Age under 25 on income support, (ib)JSA (ib)ESA without component, UC nil income or on Pension Credit No non-dependent deduction applies

Age 25 or over on Means Tested Benefits or 18 and over not in remunerative work. In main phase ESA £15.85

Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Capital £6k Max for working age, £16k max for pensioners unless on Guaranteed Pension Credit.

www.sefton.gov.uk/benefits

Non Dependent Deductions -

Non Dep in remunerative work earning

	<u>Pensioner</u>	<u>Working Age</u>
Less than £217	£4.05	£2.00
£217 - £377	£8.25	£5.00
£377 - £469	£10.35	£5.00
Over £469	£12.40	£5.00

Non Dep on income Support (ib)JSA, (ib)ESA, UC(with no earnings) or Pension Credit Nil Nil

Local Housing Allowance

Rates - www.sefton.gov.uk/benefits

Working Tax Credit

Basic Element	£3,040 pa
Couples and Lone Parent Element	£2,045pa
30-Hour Element	£825 pa
Disabled Worker Element	£3,220 pa
Severe Disability Element	£1,390 pa
Child Care Element	
One child 70% of weekly child care cost up to £175 per week / 2 or more children 70% of weekly child care costs up to £300 per week.	
Max entitlement 1 child £122.50 / 2 child+ £210	

Child Tax Credit

Threshold (CTC but not WTC)	£16,385 pa
Family Element	£545 pa
Child Element (per child)	£2,830 pa
Disabled Child Element	£3,415 pa
Severely Disabled Child	£4,800 pa

NON-MEANS TESTED BENEFITS

'New Style' Employment Support Allowance

Aged under 25	£58.90
Aged 25 or over	£74.35
Limited capability work n/a claims after 03/04/17	£29.55
Limited Capability Work Related Activity	£39.20

'New Style' Jobseekers Allowance

Age 16 to 24	£58.90
Age 25 and over	£74.35
Both above New Style ESA/JSA based N.I.Contributions	

Child Benefit

Only or Eldest child/ Subsequent Child £21.05/£13.95

Guardians Allowance £17.90

Maternity Allowance

Standard Rate £151.20

Statutory Maternity/Paternity/Adoption Pay

Standard Rate £151.20

Statutory Sick Pay

Standard Rate £95.85

New State Pension

£175.20

State Retirement Pension

Single Person (Cat A or B) £134.25

Single Tier SRP £175.20

Single Person (partner's contributions) £80.45

Bereavement Support Payment

(replaced Bereavement Benefits from 06/04/17)

High / Standard rate £350 / £100mth

High / Standard one off payment £3500 / £2500

Industrial Injuries Benefit

Pension paid when disablement is assessed at 14% or more (14% paid at 20%)

Maximum Payment (100%) £182.00

Minimum Payment (20%) £36.40

Attendance Allowance

Higher Rate £89.15

Lower Rate £59.70

Disability Living Allowance

	<u>Care</u>	<u>Mobility</u>
Higher Rate	£89.15	£62.25
Middle Rate	£59.70	
Lower Rate	£23.60	£23.60

Personal Independence Payments

	<u>Daily Living</u>	<u>Mobility</u>
Enhanced Rate	£89.15	£62.25
Standard Rate	£59.70	£23.60

Carers Allowance

Claimant £67.25

Earning Allowance £128 wk



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Benefits

Handy Reference Guide

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This leaflet is only a brief guide and it is not possible to include all Benefits and circumstances, If you would like further advice please contact

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