

HOUSING BENEFIT	
Working Age Regulations	
PERSONAL ALLOWANCES (weekly figures)	
Single	
Under 25, or	£ 59.20
In WRAG / Support Group	£ 74.70
Aged 25 - Pension age*	£ 74.70
Lone Parent	
Under 18, or	£ 59.20
In WRAG / Support Group	£ 74.70
Aged 18 - Pension age*	£ 74.70
Couples	
Both aged under 18, or	£ 89.45
One in WRAG / Support Group	£117.40
At least one aged 18 or over**	£117.40
Children (generally where Child Benefit is in payment)	
For each dependent child under 20	£ 68.60
<small>No additional child allowance for child born on or after 6th April 2017 where two or more already included in award unless special rules apply - see website for more details.</small>	
<small>* Pension age is currently 66.</small>	
<small>** HB will come to an end where the older member of a couple reaches pension age except where the younger member is the main claimant of IR-ESA, IB-JSA or Income Support. HB can continue for as long as they remain entitled to that benefit.</small>	

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Working Age Regulations	
PREMIUMS (weekly figures)	
Family	£ 17.65
<small>Note: Not for new claims from 1.5.16, or those who have not been on HB with child since 30.4.16</small>	
ESA Component	
Work related activity^	£ 29.70
Support	£ 39.40
<small>^ Abolished from April 2017 unless protected - see website for more details.</small>	
Disability (qualifying person under Pension Age)	
Single	£ 35.10
Couple	£ 50.05
Enhanced Disability (qualifying person under Pension Age)	
Single	£ 17.20
Couple	£ 24.60
Child	£ 26.67
Severe Disability	
Single**	£ 67.30
Couple - one qualifies**	£ 67.30
Couple - both qualify**	£134.60
<small>**Complicated rules - please see website</small>	
Disabled Child	£ 65.94
Carer	£ 37.70

HOUSING BENEFIT	
Pension Credit Age Regulations	
PERSONAL ALLOWANCES (weekly figures)	
Single claimant	
Turned pension age before 1.4.21	£191.15
Turned pension age on or after 1.4.21	£177.10
Couple	
One or both turned pension age before 1.4.21	£286.05
Both pension age on or after 1.4.21	£270.30
Child	£ 68.60
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NON-DEPENDANT DEDUCTIONS	
Tenant or partner on: DLA care (any rate) or PIP daily living, or Attendance Allowance or Constant AA, or Armed Forces IP or registered blind or severely sight impaired	£ Nil
Temporary stay / on remand / in prison i.e. circumstances of non-dep	£ Nil
Non-dep on Pension Credit Regardless of circumstances	£ Nil
Non-dep aged 16-17 Regardless of circumstances	£ Nil
Non-dep aged 18-24 on: IS / IB-JSA / IR-ESA & not in WRAG or Support Group / Universal Credit with no 'earned income'	£ Nil
Non-dep full time student (summer hols must not be working 16hr+/wk)	£ Nil
Non-dep in Armed Forces on operations	£ Nil
Non-dep working 16hr+ / wk, gross income =	
Under £149	£15.95
£149 - £216.99	£36.65
£217 - £282.99	£50.30
£283 - £376.99	£82.30
£377 - £468.99	£93.70
£469 or over	£102.85
Non-dep in any other situation (including if off work sick or on maternity leave)	£15.95

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WAGES DISREGARDS, one from:	
Single Parent	£25.00
Clmt or partner in WRAG/Support Group or Disability Premium or Carers Premium (only applies where carer is working) or Getting PIP, DLA, AA or AFIP	£20.00
Couple	£10.00
Single Person	£ 5.00
Plus where applicable:	
16 / 30 hour disregard special rules apply - please seek advice	£17.10
100% child care up to (1 child / 2+)	£175 /£300
Permitted Earnings special rules apply - please seek advice	£20 /£143.00
OTHER DISREGARDS	
PIP / DLA / AFIP / Constant AA / AA	All
Child Benefit & Child Maintenance	All
Fostering Allowance	All
Bereavement Support Payment	All
Lodger income	£20
War Pension	£10/All
Widowed Parents Allowance	£15.00
SSP / SMP / SAP / SPP	as wages
Student Loan	£10.00
PC age* only: Child Tax Credit	All

HOUSING BENEFIT	
FUEL DEDUCTIONS	
Heating	£34.30
Hot Water	£ 4.00
Lighting	£ 2.75
Cooking	£ 4.00
All fuel	£45.05
Fuel charge deductions for one room:	
Heating & hot water and /or lighting	£20.53
Cooking	£ 4.00
Where fuel etc provided, these deductions only apply where the charge is <u>not</u> specified by landlord / claimant.	
MEAL DEDUCTIONS	
Three or more meals a day:	
Single claimant	£29.20
Each person in family aged 16 or over	£29.20
Each child under 16	£14.80
Less than 3 meals a day:	
Single claimant	£19.45
Each person in family aged 16 or over	£19.45
Each child under 16	£ 9.75
Breakfast only (claimant and each member of family)	£ 3.60
Where meals are provided with a charge in the rent, the above meal deductions always apply, regardless of the actual charge specified by the landlord / claimant.	

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PRIVATE SECTOR OCCUPANCY RULES:  
LOCAL HOUSING ALLOWANCE - maximum HB restricted to LHA for size of property needed (max 4 beds).

CAPITAL: Max £16,000.  
Deemed income of: £1/wk per £250 (or part of) over £6,000.

CAPITAL: Max £16,000, unless on Guarantee Pension Credit  
Deemed income of: £1/wk per £500 (or part of) over £10,000.

SOCIAL SECTOR OCCUPANCY RULES:  
BEDROOM TAX - unless excluded, reduce eligible rent by: 14% if one 'spare' bedroom, 25% if two+ 'spare' bedrooms.

BENEFIT CAP	Inside G.London	Outside G.London
Couples, lone parents & families	£442.31	£384.62
Single people	£296.35	£257.69
<small>Unless excluded—see website</small>		

HB OVERPAYMENT RECOVERY RATES:	
Standard	£11.25 (plus 1/2 basic wages disregard
Fraud	£18.75 if working)

