

## Earning Disregards

### Income Support/JSA(IB)/ESA(IR)

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Lone parent/Disabled person/Carer | 20.00 |
| Basic                             | 5.00  |
| single person                     |       |
| couple                            | 10.00 |

### Housing/Council Tax Benefit

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Lone parent                         | 25.00  |
| Disabled person/Carer               | 20.00  |
| Basic                               | 10.00  |
| couple                              |        |
| single person                       | 5.00   |
| 16/30 hour worker                   | 17.10  |
| Earnings limit for Carers Allowance | 100.00 |

## Tax Credits

### Working Tax Credit

Per annum

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Basic element             | 1,920 |
| Couple/lone parent        | 1,950 |
| 30 hours element          | 790   |
| Disability element        | 2,650 |
| Severe disability element | 1,130 |
| 50+ return to work        |       |
| 16-29 hours               | 1,365 |
| 30+ hours                 | 2,030 |

### Childcare element

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Maximum for 1 child (weekly rate)     | 175   |
| Maximum for 2+ children (weekly rate) | 300   |
| Income threshold                      | 6,420 |
| Taper                                 | 41%   |

## Child Tax Credit

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Family element          | 545   |
| Child element           | 2,555 |
| Disabled child          | 2,800 |
| Severely disabled child | 1,130 |

## Non-means Tested Benefits

### Incapacity Benefit

|            |             |       |
|------------|-------------|-------|
| Short term | 0-28 weeks  | 71.10 |
|            | 29-52 weeks | 84.15 |
| Long term  | 53+ weeks   | 94.25 |

## Employment & Support Allowance (Cont. Based)

### Assessment Phase

#### Basic allowance

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| 16-24 years old | 53.45 |
| Age 25 or over  | 67.50 |

### Main Phase

#### Basic allowance

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Age 16 or over | 67.50 |
|----------------|-------|

### Additional Components (Main phase only)

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Work related activity component | 26.75 |
| Support component               | 32.35 |

### Jobseekers Allowance (Cont. Based)

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| Under 25 | 53.45 |
| 25+      | 67.50 |

### Child Benefit

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Only/eldest child     | 20.30 |
| Each subsequent child | 13.40 |

### Attendance Allowance

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Lower rate  | 49.30 |
| Higher rate | 73.60 |

### Disability Living Allowance

|                    |             |       |
|--------------------|-------------|-------|
| Care component     | Lower rate  | 19.55 |
|                    | Middle rate | 49.30 |
|                    | Higher rate | 73.60 |
| Mobility Component | Lower rate  | 19.55 |
|                    | Higher rate | 51.40 |

### Carers Allowance

55.55

### Retirement Pension

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Single person | 102.15 |
| Spouse        | 61.20  |

### Statutory Maternity Pay

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Earnings threshold | 102.00 |
|--------------------|--------|

### Statutory Sick Pay

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Earnings threshold | 81.60  |
|                    | 102.00 |

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[www.southampton.gov.uk/welfare-rights](http://www.southampton.gov.uk/welfare-rights)

## Benefit Rates

A guide to Housing Benefits, Tax Credits, Pension Credits and Job Seekers Allowance rates.

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## Income Support/Income-based JSA/ Income-related ESA

### Personal Allowances

#### Single person

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| 16 to 24 years old | 53.45 |
| Over 25 years old  | 67.50 |

#### Lone Parent

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Under 18 years old | 53.45 |
| Over 18 years old  | 67.50 |

#### Couples

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| One or both partners under 18 | discretionary |
| Both partners over 18         | 105.95        |

#### Children

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Each dependent child | 62.33* |
|----------------------|--------|

#### Premiums

These can be paid on top of any other premiums:

|  | Single | Couple |
|--|--------|--------|
| Family premium                                     | 17.40* |        |
| Disabled child premium                             | 53.62* |        |
| Carer premium                                      | 31.00  |        |
| Enhanced disability premium<br>each child eligible | 14.05  | 20.25  |
| Severe Disability Premium                          | 55.30  |        |
| Couple (1 qualifies)                               |        | 55.30  |
| Couple (2 qualify)                                 |        | 110.60 |

You may qualify for more than one of these, but will only receive one, whichever is the highest.

|   | Single | Couple |
|---|--------|--------|
| Pensioner premium (applies to couples only) | 103.75 |        |
| Disability premium                          | 28.85  | 41.10  |

#### Claimant/partner on Main Phase ESA

|                                 | Single |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Work related activity component | 26.75  |
| Support component               | 32.35  |

\*Those Income Support/ income-based JSA/income related ESA claimants still receiving personal allowances and premiums for a dependent child will transfer to Child Tax Credit.

## Pension Credit

### Minimum guarantee

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| Single | 137.35 |
| Couple | 209.70 |

### Additional amounts

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Severe disability (per qualifying person) | 55.30 |
| Carer                                     | 31.00 |

### Savings credit threshold

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| Single | 103.15 |
| Couple | 164.55 |

## Housing/Council Tax Benefit

As for Income Support/Income-based JSA/income related ESA or Pension credit, except -

### Personal Allowances

#### Single Person/Lone Parent

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| 65 years and over | 157.90 |
|-------------------|--------|

#### Couple

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Both under 18 years old        | 80.75  |
| At least one over 18 years old | 105.95 |
| At least one 65 years or over  | 236.80 |

#### Single person/Lone Parent on Main Phase

##### ESA

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Age 16 or over | 67.50 |
|----------------|-------|

##### Premiums

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Family Premium               | 17.40 |
| lone parent (protected rate) | 22.20 |
| child under 1 year old       | 10.50 |

##### Tapers

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Council Tax Benefit | 20% |
| Housing Benefit     | 65% |

The State Pension age for women is increasing from 60 to 65 over the next few years.

The qualifying age for Pension Credit for both men and women is also increasing in line with above.

## Non-Dependent Deductions

### Gross income per week

### Deductions per week

|   | Housing Benefit | Council Tax Benefit |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| £387 and over   | 60.60           | 8.60                |
| £310 - £386.99  | 55.20           | 7.20                |
| £234 - £309.99  | 48.45           | 5.70                |
| £180 - £233.99  | 29.60           | 5.70                |
| £122 - £179.99  | 21.55           | 2.85                |
| Under £122  | 9.40            | 2.85                |
| Aged 25 or over on IS,JSA(IB),ESA(IR) or aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work | 9.40            | 2.30                |
| In receipt of Pension Credit  | nil             | nil                 |

## Capital Limits

|  | Lower                              | Upper    |
|--|------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Income Support/JSA(IB)/ESA(IR)</b>    |                                    |          |
| Under Pension Credit age                 | 6000                               | 16000    |
| Care home                                | 10000                              | 16000    |
| <b>Pension Credit</b>                    |                                    |          |
| Standard                                 | 10000                              | no limit |
| Care home                                | 10000                              | no limit |
| <b>Housing/Council Tax Benefit</b>       |                                    |          |
| Under Pension Credit age                 | 6000                               | 16000    |
| Claimant/Partner over Pension Credit age | 10000                              | 16000    |
| Care home (HB only)                      | 10000                              | 16000    |
| Pension Credit guarantee                 | no limit or tariff                 | income   |
| <b>Tariff income</b>                     |                                    |          |
| Under Pension Credit age                 | £1 assumed income per £250 savings |          |
| Over Pension Credit age                  | £1 assumed income per £500 savings |          |