

BENEFIT RATES - APRIL 2011/12

All values are per week

Basic State Retirement Pension

Single	£102.15
Non Contributory	£61.20

Attendance Allowance

Higher Rate	£73.60
Lower Rate	£49.30

Carers Allowance

£55.55

Pension Credit

Standard Amount	£137.35
Couple Standard Amount	£209.70
Single Savings Credit Threshold	£103.15
Single Savings Credit Maximum	£20.52
Couples Savings Credit Threshold	£164.55
Couples Savings Credit Maximum	£27.09
Severe Disability Premium	£55.30

Capital Allowances

(disregarded for Pension Credit)

Living at home	£10,000
Living in a care home	£10,000

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Care Component

High £73.60 Middle £49.30 Low £19.55

Mobility Component

High £51.40 Low £19.55

Registered Nursing Care Contribution (RNCC)

England (paid by NHS) £108.70
or for those currently on high band £149.60

Wales

decided and paid by individual local Health Boards

Scotland

 (paid by Scottish Executive)

Personal care £159.00
Nursing care £72.00

Northern Ireland

(paid by Health & Social Services Board) £100.00

Local Authority Support Thresholds

England

Upper limit £23,250
Lower limit £14,250
Personal Allowance £22.60

Wales

Single limit £22,500
Personal Allowance £23.00

Scotland

Upper limit £23,500
Lower limit £14,500
Personal Allowance £22.60

Northern Ireland

Upper limit £23,250
Lower limit £14,250
Personal Allowance £22.60

Contribution Rate £1 per £250 (excluding Wales)

CareAware Advocacy Service

The CareAware Advocacy Service provides a 'one stop' facility to answer all of your care funding questions.

The Advocacy Service can provide information, advice and guidance on:

- ✓ Understanding social services assessment procedures
- ✓ Sourcing appropriate home care services and support
- ✓ Accessing the help of specialist support groups and community organisations
- ✓ Establishing entitlement to state benefits
- ✓ Maximising support from the Local Authority
- ✓ Paying care fees, protecting assets
- ✓ Ensuring your wishes are respected and using Enduring/Lasting Power of Attorney (or equivalent)



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CareAware

is a non profit making public information and advisory service specialising in the issues relating to funding care for older people.

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