

## State benefit

	Tax Year 2007/08	Tax Year 2008/09
<b>Attendance Allowance - per week</b>		
Higher Rate	64.50	67.00
Lower Rate	43.15	44.85
<b>Disability Living Allowance (under pension age) - per week</b>		
<b>Care Component</b>		
Higher Rate	64.50	67.00
Medium Rate	43.15	44.85
Lower Rate	17.10	17.75
<b>Mobility Component</b>		
Higher Rate	45.00	46.75
Lower Rate	17.10	17.75
<b>Retirement Pension - per week</b>		
Single	87.30	90.70
Additional (over 80 yrs)	0.25	0.25
<b>Income Support (means tested, over 25 years) - per week</b>		
<small>(Capital Limits: Lower – £10,000, Higher – £16,000. £1 for each complete £250 or part thereof between.)</small>		
Personal Allowance	59.15	60.50
Severe Disability Premium	48.45	50.35
<b>Pension Credit - per week</b>		
<small>(Capital Disregard: £10,000 deemed income. £1 for each complete £500 or part thereof in excess.)</small>		
Single	119.05	124.05
Couple	181.70	189.35
Severe Disability Addition	48.45	50.35
<b>Savings Credit Maximum - per week</b>		
Single	19.05	19.71
Couple	25.26	26.13

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<b>Local Authority Capital Limits</b>		
<b>England</b>		
Lower	13,000	13,500
Upper	21,500	22,250
Personal Expense Allowance - per week	20.45	21.15
<b>Scotland</b>		
Lower	12,500	13,000
Upper	20,750	21,500
Personal Expense Allowance - per week	20.45	21.15
<b>Wales</b>		
Lower	17,250	19,000
Upper	22,000	22,000
Personal Expense Allowance - per week	20.88	21.38
<b>Northern Ireland</b>		
Lower	13,000	13,500
Upper	21,500	22,250
Personal Expense Allowance - per week	20.45	21.15
<b>Registered Nursing Care Contribution - per week</b>		
<b>England</b>		
Nursing Care (flat allowance)	101.00	101.00
<b>Scotland (No Attendance Allowance)</b>		
Nursing Care	65.00	67.00
Personal Care	145.00	147.00
<b>Wales</b>		
Nursing Care (flat allowance)	114.90	114.90
<b>Northern Ireland</b>		
Nursing Care (flat allowance)	100.00	100.00

## The Cost of Care

The cost of care depends not only on the type and quality of care, but also where you live. The following table gives an idea of the average weekly cost of private care homes in the UK – with and without nursing. An elderly person does not have to be in a residential or nursing home to incur fees. Health care assistance can be provided in the family home and the costs can vary.

Area	Care Homes		Care Homes with Nursing		Area	Care Homes		Care Homes with Nursing	
	2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008	2007	2008
South East	£390	£415	£559	£583	North East	£324	£340	£413	£430
East Anglia	£353	£365	£462	£470	North	£328	£351	£364	£383
South West	£353	£377	£490	£516	Wales	£305	£333	£384	£406
West Midlands	£340	£355	£441	£454	Scotland	£380	£414	£459	£482
East Midlands	£318	£334	£384	£396	Northern Ireland	£293	£307	£400	£416
North West	£317	£334	£397	£415	<b>Average total increase</b>		<b>5.94%</b>		<b>4.54%</b>