

## NON-MEANS TESTED BENEFITS

(All figures weekly unless stated otherwise)

### Child Benefit

Only or eldest child	£27.05
Each subsequent child	£17.90

**Guardians Allowance** £22.95

**Maternity Allowance** (standard rate) £194.32  
or 90% of wage whichever is lower)

### Employer Paid Benefits.

**Statutory Sick Pay** £123.25

### Statutory Maternity / Adoption Pay

(90% of wage for first 6 weeks - then 33 wks  
90% of wage or £194.32 whichever is lower)

### Statutory neonatal Care / Statutory Paternity Pay / Shared Paternity Pay / Statutory Parental Bereavement / Maternity Allowance

(90% of wage or £194.32 whichever is lower)

### New-Style JSA

Age 16-24	£75.65
25+	£95.55

### New-Style ESA

Assessment phase	Under 25	£75.65
	Aged25+.	£95.55
Main phase		£95.55
Support Component		£50.35
*Work Related Activity Component		£37.95

(claims pre 04/17 only)\*

### State Retirement Pension (basic rate)

Category A £184.90  
(exact amount based on NI contributions)

**New State Pension** (applies if reach Pension age after 6/4/16) £241.30

### Personal Expenses Allowance

**Residential/Nursing Homes** £31.80

### Bereavement Support Payment

Higher payment £3,500, then £350 month  
Lower payment £2,500, then £100 month

### Attendance Allowance

Higher rate £114.60  
Lower rate £76.70

### Disability Living Allowance

Care component	Low Rate	£30.30
	Middle Rate	£76.70
	High Rate	£114.60
Mobility component	Low Rate	£30.30
	High rate	£80.00

### Personal Independence Payment

Daily Living component	Standard	£76.70
	Enhanced	£114.60
Mobility component	Standard	£30.30
	Enhanced	£80.00

**Carers Allowance** £86.45  
Earnings Limit (weekly Net) £204.00

## Benefit Rates April 2026-2027

This leaflet is intended to be a brief guide only. if you require more information please contact:

### Benefit Advice Line

**Tel: 0151 934 3660**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,  
and Friday.

10.00am to 12.30pm.

[welfarerights.advice@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:welfarerights.advice@sefton.gov.uk)

Sefton Council Welfare Rights Team provides free and confidential advice on all aspects of the Welfare Benefit System to Sefton Residents.

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An Accessible Version of this information is available from Sefton Councils website: [Sefton.gov.uk](https://www.sefton.gov.uk) and search for [benefits.](#)

## MEANS-TESTED BENEFITS

(All figures weekly amount unless stated otherwise)

### Universal Credit (UC) (monthly)

Capital max. £16,000 / disregard £6,000  
Single Standard allowance

Under 25 £338.58

25+ £424.90

Couple Standard allowance

Both under 25 £528.34

One or both 25+ £666.97

Child element\*\* £303.94 / £351.88\*

\*Higher amount 1st child only if born before 6/4/17.

Disabled Child element

Low £164.79

High £514.71

Limited Capability Work £158.76 (pre 04/17 only)

Limited Capability Work £217.26

Limited Capability Work-Related Activity £429.80 (pre 2026 claimants only or meets severe conditions criteria / Terminal illness)

Carer element £209.34

Childcare costs 85% monthly eligible childcare costs up to max of:

- One child £1071.09.
- Two children up to £1836.16.
- Additional £736.06 per child.

Transitional SDP Element:

£143.37 / £340.50 / £483.88

Transitional UC Element varies as based on individual circumstances at time of managed migration to UC.

Work allowance only applies if claimant has child or LCW Limited Capability Work / LCWRA Limited Capability Work Related Activity.

Low rate if UC includes Housing Costs - £427

High rate applies if no Housing Cost Element in UC (unless in temp. accommodation) £710

Earnings taper 55%

Benefit cap (monthly)

Couples / families £1,835.00

Single £1,229.42.

Earnings Threshold £846

Housing Costs

Universal Credit can include a Housing Cost element for working age claimants with a Rent liability.

Pension Age claimants can claim Housing Benefit for help with Rent.

For more information regarding help with Rent see [Sefton.gov.uk Help with rent](https://sefton.gov.uk/help-with-rent).

**Bedroom Tax** deduction if applicable.

1 spare Bedroom 14% deduction.

2 or more spare Bedrooms 25% deduction.

**UC Non-Dependent Deduction** 21yrs+ £96.55

For help with Council Tax please see [Sefton.gov.uk Discounts and exemption](https://sefton.gov.uk/discounts-and-exemption).

## Pension Credit

Disregard capital £10,000; No upper limit.

Standard Minimum Guarantee

Single £238.00

Couple £363.25

Premiums

Severe disability premium £86.05

Couple (if both qualify) £172.10

Carers £48.15

Children:

- First child born before 6/4/17 £81.07
- Any other child £69.98
- Disabled child lower rate £37.93  
higher rate £118.46

Savings Credit

Threshold

Single £208.07 Couple £329.75

Maximum Saving credit

Single £17.96 Couple £20.10