



## **Benefit Rates April 2025 – 2026.**

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.

Or email [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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## **MEANS TESTED BENEFITS.**

(All figures weekly amount unless stated otherwise).

### **Universal Credit.**

monthly

**Capital** max. £16,000. disregard £6,000

### **Single Standard allowance**

Under 25 £316.98

25 and over £400.14

### **Couple Standard allowance**

Both under 25 £497.55

One or both 25 and over £628.10

**Child element**\*\* £292.81\*\* or £339.00\*

\*Higher amount 1st child only if born before 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

*\*\*No child element for child born after 6th April 2017 if two or more children already included in award unless exempt.*

### **Disabled Child element**

Low £158.76

High £495.87

**Limited Capability Work** £158.76 (pre-April 2017 only) **Limited**

**Capability Work-Related Activity** £423.27

**Carer element** £201.68

**Childcare costs** 85% monthly eligible childcare costs up to max of one child £1031.88

two or more children up to £1768.94

### **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/LCWRA -

Low rate if UC includes Housing Costs - £411

High rate applies if no Housing Cost Element in UC (unless in temp. accommodation) £684

**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.

**Bedroom Tax** deduction if applicable.

1 spare Bedroom 14% deduction.

2 or more spare Bedrooms 25% deduction.

## **UC Non-Dependent Deduction 21yrs+ £93.02**

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

\*Universal Credit has replaced new claims for means tested in and out of work benefits for working-age applicants. Existing claimants of legacy benefits will receive a 'Migration Notice' from DWP informing them of when they need to claim Universal Credit, and the date payment of Legacy Benefits will cease if no claim for UC is made.

## **Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance**

Single person under 25 \*£72.90 or 92.05

25 or over £92.05

Lone parent under 18 \*£72.90 or 92.05

18 or over £92.05

### **Couple**

One or both under 18 \*£72.90/£92.05/£144.65

Both over 18 or over £144.65

\*Lower amount if in 'assessment phase'.

### **Components**

WRAG (pre-3rd April 2017) £36.55

Support Group £48.50

### **Premiums**

Carer premium. £46.40

Enhanced disability premium

Single. £21.20

Couple £30.25

Severe disability premium. £82.90

### **Pensioner**

Single with work-related activity. £98.50

Single with support component. £86.55

Single with no component. £135.05

Couple with work-related activity £165.40

Couple with support component. £153.45

Couple with no component £201.95

## **Income Support or Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)**

Single person -under 25 £72.90

Over 25 £92.05

Lone parent- under 18. £72.90

Over 18. £92.05

Couple - both 18 or over £144.65

**Premiums** (as for Income-related ESA except):

Disability Single £43.20 . Couple £61.65.

**Pensioner**

Single (Income-based JSA only). £135.05.

Couple. \*£201.95

\*Pensioner premium reduced if entitled ESA component.

**Pension Credit**

Disregard capital £10,000; No upper limit

Standard Minimum Guarantee

Single £227.10

Couple £346.60

**Premiums**

Severe disability premium £82.90

Couple (if both qualify) £165.80

Carers £46.40

Children -

First child born before 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 £78.10

Any other child £67.42

Disabled child

lower rate £36.54

higher rate £114.12

**Savings Credit**

Threshold

Single £198.27. Couple £314.34.

Maximum Saving credit

Single £17.30. Couple £19.36

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

## **NON-MEANS TESTED BENEFITS.**

*(All figures weekly unless stated otherwise)*

### **Child Benefit**

Only or eldest child £26.05    Each subsequent child £17.25

### **Guardians Allowance**

£22.10

### **Maternity Allowance**

(standard) £187.18

### **Employer Paid Benefits**

#### **Statutory Sick Pay**

£118.75

#### **Statutory Maternity and Adoption Pay**

(90% of wage for first 6 weeks - then 33 weeks 90% of wage or £187.18 whichever is lower).

#### **Statutory neonatal Care, Statutory Paternity Pay, Shared Paternity Pay, Statutory Parental Bereavement and Maternity Allowance.**

(90% of wage or £187.18 whichever is lower)

### **New-Style JSA**

Age 16-24 £72.90. 25 and over £92.05.

### **New-Style ESA**

Assessment phase Under 25 £72.90.

Aged 25 and over £92.05.

Main phase £92.05

Support Component £48.50

\*Work Related Activity Component £36.55 (claims pre-4th April 2017 only)\*

### **State Retirement Pension**

(basic rate)

Category A £176.45

(exact amount based on NI contributions)

**New State Pension** (applies if reach Pension age after 6/4/16) £230.25.

### **Personal Expenses Allowance Residential and Nursing Homes**

£30.65

### **Bereavement Support Payment**

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

### **Attendance Allowance**

Higher rate £110.40.  
Lower rate £73.90.

### **Disability Living Allowance**

Care component	Low Rate	£29.20
	Middle Rate	£73.90
	High Rate	£110.40
Mobility component	Low Rate	£29.20
	High rate	£77.05

### **Personal Independence Payment**

Daily Living component.	Standard	£73.90
	Enhanced	£110.40
Mobility component.	Standard	£29.20
	Enhanced	£77.05

### **Carers Allowance**

£83.30  
Earnings Limit (weekly Net) £196