

Welfare Benefits – what are they?

Benefits for Families	Care to Learn Carer's Credit Child Trust Fund Childcare Grant Child benefit Guardian's Allowance Healthy Start	Help paying for childcare Maternity Allowance Maternity pay and leave Parents' Learning Allowance Sure Start Maternity Grant Universal Credit
Carers & Disability Benefits	Attendance Allowance Blind Person's Allowance Carer's Allowance Carer's Credit Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for adults Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children Disabled Facilities Grants Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) Incapacity Benefit Income Support	Independent Living Fund Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Reduced Earnings Allowance Severe Disablement Allowance Specialist Employability Support Universal Credit Vaccine Damage Payment Work Choice
Death & Benefits	Bereavement Allowance (previously Widow's Pension) Bereavement Payment Bereavement Support Payment Funeral Payment	Guardian's Allowance War Widow(er) Pension Widowed Parent's Allowance
Heating & Housing Benefit	Council Tax Reduction Cold Weather Payment Get a free or discounted TV licence Housing Benefit	National Concessionary Fuel Scheme Universal Credit Warm Home Discount Scheme Winter Fuel Payment
Jobseekers and low income benefits	Budgeting Loans Carer's Credit Christmas Bonus Constant Attendance Allowance Diffuse mesothelioma payments Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) In Work Credit Income Support Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit	Job Grant Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) Mortgage Interest Run On Pension Credit Reduced Earnings Allowance Return to Work Credit Support for Mortgage Interest (SMI) Universal Credit
Tax credits	Child Tax Credit	Working Tax Credit

Some Headline Changes

Housing Benefit:

- Back dating limit reduced for working age claimants (2016)
- Withdrawal of Family premium (2016)
- Time allowed abroad reduced before break in claim (2016)
- Max of 2 children premium (2017)

Universal Credit (ongoing)

- Reduced work allowance for child care (2016)
- No housing costs for 18 to 21 year olds (2017)
- Max of 2 children claims and no higher rate for first child (2017)
- Full conditionality when youngest child is 3

Tax Credits

- Max of 2 children claims (2017)
- No family element for children born after April (2017)

Pension Credit

- No new claims for Savings Pension Credit (2016)
- Time allowed abroad reduced before break in claim (2016)

Statutory Retirement pension

- Single flat rate pension (2016)

Support Mortgage Interest

- Reduced interest rate payment (2015)
- Waiting period back to 39 weeks (2016)
- Loans replace direct payments (2018)

4 year Freeze on uprating benefits (2016)

Living Wage increases and increase in personal tax allowance of £11k

Social Housing

- 1% rent reduction for social tenants (2016)
- Right to rent checks (2016)
- Pay to stay (2017)

Local Welfare Provision remains uncertain

New Bereavement benefit system (2017)

Benefit Cap -Limits benefit payment (2016)