

The Complete Care Home Guide: benefits insert 2008-09

p28, p37: Income taken into account

Relevant income taken fully into account:

AA/DLA
Housing Benefit
Income Support/Pension Credit
Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit
Incapacity Benefit
Carer's Allowance
Invalid Care Allowance
Retirement Pension
Severe Disablement Allowance
Widow's Benefit

The first £10 of the following is disregarded:

Civilian War Injury Pension
War Disablement Pension
War Widows Pension and War Widowers Pension

Relevant income fully disregarded

Christmas Bonus
Council Tax Benefit
DLA (mobility component) and Mobility supplement
Social Fund payments (incl. Winter Fuel Payments)

p29: Registered Nursing Care Contribution 2008-09

England

Rather than three different bands, there is now one single payment of £101 per week.

Wales

£117.66 flat rate per week for those assessed as needing nursing care.

Scotland

It is now £149 flat rate per week for personal care and £67 flat rate per week for nursing care.

p30, p36, p40, p43, p44, p45: Upper Capital Limit 2008-09 £22,250

p38: Pension Credit guaranteed income rate for 2008-09 is now £124.05 per week.

p38: The amount of Savings Credit the council disregard when assessing your fees: is now £5.45 per week.

p39: Lower threshold for savings (up to which any income generated is not counted):
is now £13,500 in England; £19,000 for Wales; £13,000 for Scotland.

p40: in 2008-09 for every £250 or part of, you have between £13,500 and £22,250, you will be assumed to have a £1 per week income.

p41: “At the time of writing, the rules governing the liable relative payment are under review.” This has not changed but government has tried to discourage local councils from applying this rule by offering extra funding.

p41: Personal Expenses Allowance 2008-09
In England is £21.15 per week and in Wales is £21.88 per week.

p42, p46: Savings Disregard 2008-09
The ceiling is £5.45 per week.