

Other benefits you may be entitled to

There may be other benefits that you can claim to increase your income. Below is a summary of the most common benefits with links to the Direct Gov website where you can get more information.

Attendance Allowance

This is paid to people aged over 65 who have care needs because of a disability. Claiming Attendance Allowance can be complicated, but you can get help to complete the claim form.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Bereavement Benefits

There are several different sorts of bereavement benefit that can be paid. They depend on your circumstances and your late partner's national insurance record.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Carers Allowance

Carer's Allowance is paid people who are caring for a disabled person. The disabled person must be getting either Attendance Allowance or the middle or high rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance. It can reduce the disabled person's entitlement to Income Support or Pension Credit so it is important to seek advice before claiming.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Child Benefit

This is paid to anyone who is bringing up a child. It is not affected by income or savings. It is paid by HM Revenue and Customs.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Child Tax Credit

Child Tax Credit is paid by HM Revenue and Customs. It is for anyone who is bringing up a child. It can be paid to people who are working or those claiming benefits.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Council Tax Benefit

This is paid by the Local Authority, and is claimed in the same way as Housing Benefit.

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Disability Living Allowance

This is a benefit for people who have either care needs or mobility problems because of a disability. It is for people who are aged under 65. It can also be paid for children. Claiming Disability Living Allowance can be difficult, and it is worth seeking help with completing the claim form.

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Employment and Support Allowance

ESA is paid to people who are not able to work because of ill health. There are two sorts of ESA. Contributory ESA is paid to people who have paid enough National Insurance contributions. Income-based ESA is for people on a low income.

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Incapacity Benefit

This has now been replaced by Employment and Support Allowance for new claimants. It will continue to be paid to people who were already getting it. Incapacity Benefit was paid to people who are not able to work because of ill health. Payment depends on whether you have paid enough national insurance contributions.

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Income Support

Income Support is paid to people who have a low income, and who are not expected to work because of their circumstances. It is affected by both income and savings.

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Jobseekers Allowance

There are two types of Jobseekers Allowance, contributory and income-based. It is paid to people who are not working full-time and who are expected to be looking for work. In order to qualify you must be capable of work and actively seeking work.

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Pension Credit

This is paid to people aged over 60. There are two types of credit – guarantee and savings. It is not dependant on having paid national insurance contributions.

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State Pension

State Pension is paid to people who have reached the state retirement age. The amount that you get depends on your or your partners national insurance record.

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Working Tax Credit

This is paid by HM Revenue and Customs. It is paid to people who are in work, as a top up to their wages.

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Information about other less common benefits can be found by following the links from the main Directgov webpage.

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There are websites that can check your benefit entitlement including www.turn2us.org.uk

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