

## Maximum incomes for the following groups to receive Housing Benefit (approx) 2009 / 2010

Weekly rent	£60 per week		£75 per week		£90 per week		£105 per week	
	Not working	Working	Not working	Working	Not working	Working	Not working	Working
<b>Family circumstances</b>								
<b>Single person Under 25</b>	£142.40	£147.40	£165.56	£170.56	£188.64	£193.64	£211.71	£216.71
<b>Single person 25 - 59</b>	£155.83	£160.83	£178.91	£183.91	£201.99	£206.99	£225.06	£230.06
<b>Single person 60 – 64</b>	£221.53	£226.53	£244.61	£249.61	£267.69	£272.69	£290.76	£295.76
<b>Single person 65 or over</b>	£241.93		£265.01		£288.09		£311.16	
<b>Couple 18 – 59</b>	£192.48	£202.48	£215.56	£225.56	£238.64	£248.64	£261.71	£271.71
<b>Couple 60 – 64</b>	£289.98	£309.98	£313.06	£323.06	£336.14	£346.14	£359.21	£369.21
<b>Couple 65 or over</b>	£317.03		£340.11		£363.19		£386.26	
<b>Lone parent under 60 with 1 child under 16</b>	£229.24	£254.24	£252.32	£277.32	£275.40	£300.40	£298.47	£323.47
<b>Lone parent under 60 with 2 children under 16</b>	£285.35	£310.35	£308.43	£333.43	£331.51	£356.51	£354.58	£379.58
<b>Couple under 60 with 1 child under 16</b>	£265.89	£275.89	£288.97	£298.97	£312.05	£322.05	£335.12	£345.12
<b>Couple under 60 with 2 children under 16</b>	£322.00	£332.00	£345.08	£355.08	£368.16	£378.16	£391.23	£401.23

Please note that the above figures are an approximation of the maximum amounts someone in these exact circumstances can get each week and still qualify for some Housing Benefit. If the figures are close to this it may still be worth applying or taking further advice.

The amounts above include all income received including most Benefits and pensions. Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and War Disablement pension are completely ignored. With effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009, Child Benefit will also be ignored.

**Wages** are net of Income Tax and National Insurance contributions only. If the person claiming is paying into a works or private pension, half of these payments are ignored. Different categories attract different wage disregards which have been taken into account. All other deductions must be taken into account in full.

**N. B. People who are disabled or people who have to pay childcare costs may get extra Housing and Council Tax Benefit**

This chart may not be appropriate for tenants of **privately rented properties** who get Local Housing Allowance, as their rent level used in calculating Housing Benefit will depend on the number of people in the household rather than the contractual rent. It is recommended you contact the Housing Benefits department for further guidance.

**REMEMBER- BENEFIT IS YOUR RIGHT – CLAIM IT**