

Appendix A

Welfare benefits included in the Benefit Cap and exemptions

Benefits included in the Benefit Cap calculation:-

- Housing Benefit;
- Income Support;
- Job Seeker's Allowance;
- Employment and Support Allowance (except where it is paid with the support component);
- Child Benefit;
- Child Tax Credit;
- Maternity Allowance;
- Incapacity Benefit;
- Severe Disablement Allowance;
- Widowed Parent's and Widowed Mother's Allowance;
- Widow's Pension;
- Bereavement Allowance

Exemptions

Exemptions from the benefit cap will apply if the Housing Benefit claimant or their partner receive any of the following:

- Attendance allowance
- Disability living allowance
- Personal independence payment
- Employment and support allowance (support component)
- Industrial injuries benefits
- War widow or war widower's pension
- Guardian's Allowance and Carer's Allowance (subject to Government changes to be made later this year).

Additionally, an exemption from the benefit cap will apply if:

- The Housing Benefit claimant qualifies for Working Tax Credit because they work for at least 16 hours per week if they are a single parent, 24 hours per week between them if they are a couple with one of them working at least 16 hours per week or 30 hours if they are a single person.
- They are responsible for a child or young person getting Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payment, or an Armed Forces Injuries Payment

The cap will also not apply for a period of 39 weeks if the claimant or their partner, if appropriate, has ceased paid work that lasted for at least 50 of the 52 weeks immediately prior to their leaving and in the final week, they worked at least 16 hours.

The Benefit Cap applies solely to working age claimants and therefore persons of pension credit age are exempt provided that both members of a couple are of pension credit age.