

## CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

- ✓ Contribution-based jobseeker's allowance
- ✓ Contribution-based employment and support allowance
- ✓ Maternity allowance
- ✓ Bereavement payment
- ✓ Bereavement benefits
- ✓ Widowed parents allowance
- ✓ State pension

Also... Don't forget to check for any private pensions or occupational pensions you might have paid into. Always seek advice before taking advantage of the new pension freedom rules.

## NON-CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

- ✓ Personal independence payment
- ✓ Child disability living allowance
- ✓ Attendance allowance
- ✓ Carer's allowance
- ✓ Industrial injuries benefit
- ✓ Child benefit
- ✓ Guardian's allowance

You can no longer make a new claim to the following but some claims may still exist:

- ✓ Disability living allowance
- ✓ Incapacity benefit
- ✓ Severe disablement allowance

## MEANS TESTED BENEFITS

- ✓ Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- ✓ Income-related employment and support allowance
- ✓ Income support
- ✓ Pension credit
- ✓ Universal credit
- ✓ Child tax credit
- ✓ Working tax credit
- ✓ Housing benefit
- ✓ Council tax reduction

## OTHER BENEFITS, GRANTS AND SCHEMES

### Additional help for housing costs

- ✓ Discretionary housing payments
- ✓ Extended payments of housing benefit
- ✓ Support for mortgage interest
- ✓ Contributions from non-dependents

### Additional help for council tax

- ✓ Council tax discounts or reductions
- ✓ Extended payments of council tax reduction
- ✓ Council tax exemptions
- ✓ Discretionary relief

### Help for employees

- ✓ Statutory sick pay
- ✓ Statutory maternity pay
- ✓ Statutory adoption pay
- ✓ Statutory paternity pay
- ✓ Additional statutory paternity pay
- ✓ Shared parental leave
- ✓ Statutory shared parental pay

Always check you are paying the right tax or if you are due a tax refund. Also, don't forget to check your rights to:

- ✓ National minimum wage
- ✓ National living wage
- ✓ Workplace pension
- ✓ Marriage tax allowance

### Additional help for disabled people

- ✓ Community care support
- ✓ Help with care costs
- ✓ Direct payments for care
- ✓ VAT relief

### Additional help for carers

- ✓ Carers credits

### Help with extra costs

- ✓ Sure start maternity grant
- ✓ Funeral payment
- ✓ Budgeting advance
- ✓ Short term advance
- ✓ Local welfare assistance schemes
- ✓ TV licence support
- ✓ Financial support for students
- ✓ Legal aid

### Help for parents with school age children

- ✓ Free school meals
- ✓ Help with school uniform

### Additional help with childcare costs

- ✓ Housing benefit childcare disregards
- ✓ Help via your employer
- ✓ Free childcare places

### Help for mums-to-be, new mums and young children

- ✓ Healthy start food and vitamins

## INCOME MAXIMISATION CHECKLIST 2016/17

### Help with energy bills

- ✓ Winter fuel payment
- ✓ Cold weather payment
- ✓ Cheaper tariff / switching supplier
- ✓ Fixed tariff
- ✓ Warm home discount
- ✓ Help to make your home warmer and more efficient
- ✓ Help with energy arrears/ energy debt
- ✓ Fuel direct

### Help with water bills

- ✓ Water sure
- ✓ Social tariffs
- ✓ Water direct
- ✓ Help with water bill arrears/ water debt
- ✓ Help to make your home more water efficient

### Serving and ex-members of the armed forces

- ✓ War pension disablement benefit
- ✓ Armed forces compensation scheme
- ✓ Armed forces independence payment

### Going back to work

- ✓ Mortgage interest run-on
- ✓ New enterprise allowance
- ✓ Access to work
- ✓ Permitted work
- ✓ Work programme

### Help with health costs/ prescriptions

- ✓ Free prescriptions
- ✓ Low income health costs scheme

### Help with getting around

- ✓ Concessions on public transport
- ✓ Blue badge scheme
- ✓ Motability scheme
- ✓ Road tax exemption

### Compensation schemes

- ✓ Criminal injuries compensation
- ✓ Vaccine damage payments
- ✓ PPI compensation
- ✓ Personal injury claim

### Charitable support

- ✓ Grants for individuals in need

### Hardship

- ✓ Trussel Trust
- ✓ Section 17 Childcare Act assistance



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