

Evolution of Rates of Cash Benefits, 1939–65¹

<i>Benefit Rates</i>	1939	1947	1950	1955	1960	1965 ⁸
	<i>Annual</i>					
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Superannuation</i>						
Married person	10 0 0 ²	22 10 0	35 0 0	95 0 0	221 0 0	249 12 0
Unmarried person	10 0 0	22 10 0	35 0 0	95 0 0	247 0 0	275 12 0
<i>Age</i>						
Each of married couple, where both eligible	78 0 0 ³	104 0 0	136 10 0	182 0 0	221 0 0	249 12 0
Married woman where husband not eligible	78 0 0 ³	104 0 0	136 10 0	182 0 0	221 0 0	248 12 0
Married man where wife not eligible	91 0 0 ³	208 0 0	273 0 0	364 0 0	442 0 0	499 4 0
Unmarried person	78 0 0	104 0 0	136 10 0	195 0 0	247 0 0	275 12 0
<i>Widows</i>						
Widow without dependent child	52 0 0	78 0 0	136 10 0	195 0 0	247 0 0	275 12 0
Widow with one dependent child	91 0 0	156 0 0	221 0 0	318 10 0	403 0 0	460 4 0
Widow with two dependent children	117 0 0	156 0 0	221 0 0	344 10 0	429 0 0	486 4 0
Widow with three dependent children	143 0 0	156 0 0	221 0 0	344 10 0	455 0 0	512 4 0
Widow with four dependent children	169 0 0	156 0 0	221 0 0	344 10 0	481 0 0	538 4 0
Widow with five dependent children	195 0 0	156 0 0	221 0 0	344 10 0	507 0 0	564 4 0
Widow with six dependent children	221 0 0	156 0 0	221 0 0	344 10 0	533 0 0	590 4 0
Widow with seven or more dependent children	234 0 0	156 0 0	221 0 0	344 10 0	533 0 0	590 4 0
<i>Orphans</i>						
Each full orphan	39 0 0	40 19 0	71 10 0	84 10 0	117 0 0	137 16 0
<i>Family</i>						
Each child	10 8 0 ⁴	26 0 0	26 0 0	26 0 0	39 0 0	39 0 0
<i>Invalids</i>						
Married man	104 0 0 ⁵	208 0 0	273 0 0	364 0 0	442 0 0	499 4 0
Married woman	78 0 0	104 0 0	136 10 0	182 0 0	221 0 0	249 12 0
Unmarried, under 20	52 0 0	78 0 0	110 10 0	162 10 0	208 0 0	236 12 0
Unmarried, 20 and over	78 0 0 ⁵	104 0 0	136 10 0	195 0 0	247 0 0	275 12 0
<i>Miners</i>						
Married man	104 0 0 ⁵	208 0 0	273 0 0	364 0 0	442 0 0	499 4 0
Unmarried man	78 0 0 ⁵	104 0 0	136 10 0	195 0 0	247 0 0	275 12 0
Miner's widow	45 10 0	78 0 0	110 10 0	162 10 0	214 10 0	243 12 0
	<i>Weekly</i>					
<i>Sickness and Unemployment</i>						
Married man	1 15 0 ⁶	4 0 0	5 5 0	7 10 0	8 10 0	9 12 0
Married woman	1 0 0	2 0 0	2 12 6	3 10 0	4 5 0	4 16 0
Unmarried, under 20 without dependants	0 10 0	1 0 0	1 12 6	2 12 6	3 10 0	4 11 0
Other person	1 0 0 ⁶	2 0 0	2 12 6	3 15 0	4 15 0	5 6 0

¹ Rates shown take into account amendments made in the course of the year indicated.

² Introduced 1 April 1940.

³ Increased by £13 a year for each child under 16.

⁴ For each child in excess of two.

⁵ Increased by £26 a year for each child under 16.

⁶ Increased by 5s. a week for each child under 16, maximum rate being £4.

⁷ Increases on account of children abolished and £26 a year paid for each dependent child by way of family benefit.

⁸ Rates current at date of publication.