# NAFAO GUIDE TO DISABILITY RELATED EXPENDITURE 2017/2018

# HEATING ALLOWANCES

Annual inflationary update based on RPI Fuel index at November 2016. At this date fuel prices had decreased by 1.2 % in the last 12 months a decrease to the allowances have been applied.

The figures are obtained from www.statistics.gov.uk from the download "consumer price inflation detailed reference tables.The figures are found in Table 41 detailed reference tables - % change over 12 months. The general RPI increase is for "All Items" while the fuel increase comes from a weighted average of fuel and light increases (line 97).

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| **Figures for 2017/2018** | **Standard** | **N East / E Midlands** | **N West / W Midlands** |
| Single person - Flat/Terrace | £1,129.28 | £1,224.13 | £1,367.39 |
| Couple – Flat/Terrace | £1,489.90 | £1,613.40 | £1,802.11 |
| Single person – Semi Detached | £1,199.43 | £1,300.21 | £1,452.36 |
| Couples – Semi Detached | £1,580.80 | £1,712.20 | £1,912.77 |
| Single – Detached | £1,459.28 | £1,580.80 | £1,768.52 |
| Couples – Detached | £1,923.64 | £2,083.69 | £2,328.72 |

# INCOME / DISREGARDS

Mandatory minimum income disregards for non residential care and support are published in the Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014. These replace the Fairer Charging Allowance

**Single Adults**

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| **Allowance** | **18 – 24** | **25 – Pension Age** | **Pension Age** | **Lone Parent** |
| Not entitled to any premium | £72.40 | £91.40 | £189.00 | £91.40 |
| Entitled to CP | £115.65 | £134.65 | £232.25 | £134.65 |
| Entitled to DP | £112.75 | £131.75 | N/A | £131.75 |
| Entitled to DP + CP | £156.00 | £175 | N/A | £175.00 |
| Entitled to DP + EDP | £132.45 | £151.45 | N/A | £151.45 |
| Entitled to DP + EDP + CP | £175.70 | £194.70 | N/A | £194.70 |

**Couples**

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| Allowance | Under Pension Age | Pension Age |
| Not entitled to any premium | £71.80 | £144.30 |
| Entitled to CP | £115.05 | £187.55 |
| Entitled to DP | £100.55 | N/A |
| Entitled to DP + CP | £143.80 | N/A |
| Entitled to DP + EDP | £114.70 | N/A |
| Entitled to DP + EDP + CP | £157.95 | N/A |

**Children**

For each child the adult is responsible for that is a member of the same household an additional allowance of £83.65.

Attendance Allowance - High £83.10 Lower £55.65

DLA Care - High £83.10 Middle £55.65 Lower £22.00

PiP (Daily Living Costs) - Enhanced £83.10 Standard £55.65

PEA £24.90

If local policy on DLA/AA disregard applies on higher rate DLA/AA : disregard difference between higher and lower rate £27.45, unless in receipt of both day and night care.

DLA or PiP Mobility Components - Disregard fully

War Disability and War - Disregard the first £10 per week

Widows Pension

War Widows - Disregard fully

Supplementary Pension

## ASSETS

Capital below £14,250. fully disregarded.

Tariff Income of: £1 per week for every £250 (or part of £250) above £14,250 and up to £23,250 (if the upper capital limit is applied.). N.B. These are the minimum limits required by guidance and councils can set higher.

#### EXPENSES

Mortgage payments/Rent - allow full amount less any Housing Benefit

paid

Council Tax - allow full amount less any Local Council Tax reduction

applied

# COSTS OF DISABILITY

Figures were only attached to fuel costs in the FC Guidance and the following are recommended allowances for possible identified items and examples of reasonable evidence requirements prepared by NAFAO. A 1.2% uplift has been applied based on the November CPI rate.

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| **ITEM** | **AMOUNT** | **EVIDENCE** |
| Community Alarm System | Actual cost unless included in Housing Benefit or Supporting People Grant | Bills from provider |
| Privately arranged care | Actual cost if Social Worker confirms requirement as part of the Care Plan and Council supported care is reduced accordingly | Signed receipts for at least 4 weeks using a proper receipt book |
| Private Domestic help | Actual cost if Social Worker confirms requirement as part of the Care Plan and Council supported care is reduced accordingly | As privately arranged care |
| Laundry/Washing Powder | £3.65 per week | Care Plan will have identified an incontinence problem. Identify more than 4 loads per week |
| Dietary | Discretionary as special dietary needs may not be more expensive than normal | Details of special purchases |
| Gardening | Discretionary based on individual costs of garden maintenance | As privately arranged care |
| Wheelchair | £3.80 per week manual  £9.23 per week powered | Evidence of purchase. No allowance if equipment provided free of charge |
| Powered bed | Actual cost divided by 500 (10 yr life) up to a maximum of £4.20 per week | Evidence of purchase if available |
| Turning bed | Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum of £7.36 per week | Evidence of purchase if available |
| Powered reclining chair | Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum of £3.34 per week | Evidence of purchase if available |
| Stair-lift | Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum of £5.95 per week | Evidence of purchase without DFG input |
| Hoist | Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum of £2.91 per week | Evidence of purchase without DFG input |