# NAFAO GUIDE TO DISABILITY RELATED EXPENDITURE 2018/19

# HEATING ALLOWANCES

Annual inflationary update based on RPI Fuel index at November 2017. At this date fuel prices had decreased by 6.8 % in the last 12 months an increase.

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.

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| **Figures for 2018/2019** | **Standard** | **N East / E Midlands** | **N West / W Midlands**  |
| Single person - Flat/Terrace  | £1,206.07 | £1,307.37 | £1,460.37 |
| Couple – Flat/Terrace | £1,591.21 | £1,723.11 | £1,924.65 |
| Single person – Semi Detached | £1,280.99 | £1,388.62 | £1,551.12 |
| Couples – Semi Detached | £1,688.29 | £1,828.63 | £2,042.84 |
| Single – Detached | £1,558.51 | £1,688.29 | £1,888.78 |
| Couples – Detached | £2,054.45 | £2,225.38 | £2,487.07 |

# 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, replacing fairer charging allowances. Rates for 2018/2019 are contained in [LAC(DHSC)(2018)1](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/677736/Local_authority_circular_-_charging_for_care_and_support_LAC_DHSC__2018_1.pdf).

**Residential Care**

Personal Expenses Allowance £24.90

**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 |

\*\* Where one partner is over state pension credit age the Pension Age MIG applies whether the person being assessed is under or over that age.

**Children**

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

**Non means tested disability benefits**

Attendance Allowance - High £85.60 Lower £57.30

DLA Care - High £85.60 Middle £57.30 Lower £22.65

PiP (Daily Living Costs) - Enhanced £85.60 Standard £57.30

If local policy on DLA/AA disregard applies on higher rate DLA/AA, disregard difference between higher and lower rate £28.30, unless in receipt of both day and night care.

DLA or PiP Mobility Components - Disregard fully

**Armed forces and war pension payments to veterans**

War pensions and Guaranteed Income Payments under the War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation schemes are disregarded in full apart from constant attendance allowance.

**Armed forces and war pension payments to war widows and widowers**

£10 a week disregard of War Widows and War Widowers pension, survivors Guaranteed Income Payments from the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, Civilian War Injury pension, any War Disablement pension paid to non-veterans and payments to victims of National Socialist persecution (paid under German or Austrian law)

## 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 means tested 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 2.8 % 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 | £3.75 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 | £3.91 per week manual£9.49 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 £4.32 per week | Evidence of purchase if available |
| Turning bed | Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum of £7.57 per week | Evidence of purchase if available |
| Powered reclining chair | Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum of £3.43 per week | Evidence of purchase if available |
| Stair-lift | Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum of £6.12 per week | Evidence of purchase without DFG input |
| Hoist | Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum of £2.99 per week | Evidence of purchase without DFG input |