

# DWP benefits you can no longer claim after reaching state pension age - full list

You may be eligible for two benefits that, if claimed now, could continue into your pension years, reports Linda Howard

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YOUR BENEFITS: A national charity has shared some important financial advice with current and prospective retirees (Image: PA)

As UK residents approach pension age, it is vital to understand which benefits will continue, the new ones for which people qualify, and those you can no longer claim. State pension offers crucial help every four weeks to 12.6 million people across Great Britain, including roughly one million in

Scotland.

A payment of up to £203.85 weekly for the full [New State Pension](#) or £156.20 per week for the old [Basic State Pension](#) (Category A or B) is available for those reaching [retirement](#) age. It rose to 66 for men and women in 2020, with a rise to 67 for people born on or after April 1960, running between 2026 and 2028, [reports the Daily Record](#).

The [UK Government](#) has planned a further rise to 68 between 2044 and 2046, but the [news](#) was subject to speculation, as it was thought it might happen sooner. The government must give at least 10 years' notice before it can change the age.

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The [pension](#) age is the same as the pension credit age, except for men born before December 6, 1953. [Turn2us](#) has launched a vital [benefits](#) guide covering those you cannot claim from the DWP when you reach the state pension age or pension credit age.

## Benefits affected by your pension age

### 1. Pension credit age

When you reach state pension age, you can no longer claim:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA);
- Income Support;
- Universal Credit.

Turn2us said: "If you live with a partner and one of you is pension age, and

the other is not yet pension age, [benefit entitlement](#) can be complicated."

You can find a benefits calculator on the website [here](#).

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## 2. State pension age

**When you reach state pension age, you can no longer claim:**

- Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA);
- Contributory/New Style Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).

You can't lodge a new claim for [Disability Living Allowance \(DLA\)](#), Personal Independence Payment (PIP) or Adult Disability Payment (ADP) – a new disability benefit replacing PIP for those living in [Scotland](#). Once you reach state pension age, if you have already received DLA, PIP, or ADP, you should be able to renew the claim despite being over the age.

However, this can only be completed if you are claiming for the same health conditions for which you received the award and the last claim finished less than 12 months before reaching the pension age. The DWP said that DLA claimants born before April 8, 1948, would not be transferred to PIP, but those born after that date will be.

Scotland residents receiving DLA or PIP will be transferred to the new devolved Social Security Scotland system before the end of 2025. But people aged between 55 and 64 accounted for 25 per cent of claims for ADP up until January 2023.

After reaching state pension age, you also cannot claim [Bereavement Support Payment](#) and [Widowed Parent's Allowance](#).

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### **Benefits not affected by your state pension age**

1. You can claim these benefits even if you are over the state pension age:
  - Child Benefit (delivered by HMRC);
  - Carer's Allowance - you may not be eligible for the full financial element, depending on your state pension income;
  - Guardian's Allowance;
  - Statutory Sick Pay (SSP).
2. You can also claim these benefits if you are over state pension age but only if you meet the benefit-specific income threshold:
  - Pension Credit;
  - Housing Benefit;
  - Council Tax Support;
  - Support for Mortgage Interest;
  - Working Tax Credit (HMRC) - you can't make new claims for this, but if you're already getting it, you can carry on receiving it;
  - Child Tax Credit (HMRC)- you can't make new claims for this, but if you're already getting it, you can carry on receiving it;
  - Help with Health Costs;
  - Cold Weather Payment – now replaced by a new £50 payment in Scotland;
  - Warm Home Discount Scheme;
  - Winter Fuel Payment.

For more information, visit the website [here](#).

***Were you aware of the benefit changes? Let us know in the comments***

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