

STATES OF JERSEY



WELFARE BENEFIT RATES: RECOMMENDED RATES FROM 1ST JANUARY 2004

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The Employment and Social Security Committee wishes to advise the States of the recommended scale of welfare rates that apply from 1st January 2004.

Scale rates of welfare were increased from 1st October 2003 by 4.2%, by the same percentage as the increase in retail prices index (June 2003). The welfare rate for a dependent relative up to the age of 15 is increased in January at the same time as Family Allowance rates change. Family Allowances increased by 4.2% this year, and so the rate for a dependent relative up to 15 years is £41.65p from January.

The recommended scale of welfare rates from January 2004 is shown below.

<i>Parish Welfare Rates</i>	<i>Old</i> £	<i>New</i> £
Single householder (excluding rent allowance)	104.15	108.50
Married couple/genuine lone parent excluding rent allowance)	172.75	180.00
Dependent relative in another person's household	85.20	88.80
Dependent relative		
18-20 years	61.15	63.70
16-17 years	47.85	49.85
up to 15 years (increases in January)	39.95	41.65
17-20 year old independent	74.90	78.05
Single person capital	6,269.00	6,532.00
Married couple capital	10,406.00	10,843.00
Personal Allowance	23.00	24.00
Residential home fee	359.10	374.20