

Circular Reference:	A2/2010		
Subject:	Annual Uprating 2010	Effective Date:	1st April 2010
Summary <p>This circular contains the information relating to the uprating of state benefits for the financial year commencing April 2010. The new amounts for HB and CTB purposes will be effective from the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st April 2010 for CTB and HB cases with rents that are monthly or any intervals that are not weekly or on a multiple week basis.• 5th April 2010 for HB cases where rents are weekly or a multiple of weeks. <p>The other national income related benefits will be increased with effect from Monday the 12th April 2010.</p> <p>The rates of non-dependant deductions, non-dependant income bands, Second Adult Rebate rates and income bands, fuel charges and maximum childcare cost disregards remain unchanged at the 2009/10 rates. The rates for meal deductions and the maximum weekly overpayment recovery rates have increased.</p> <p>The non income related social security benefits are normally increased in line with the Retail Prices Index (RPI) however the figures this year were minus 1.4% so this year state benefits will be increased by percentages set by the Government. Full details of the percentages are given in the circular. The circular also includes the following appendices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix A (annex 1) - Rates for Council Tax Benefit for customers who have not attained the qualifying age for State Pension Credit.• Appendix A (annex 2) - Rates for Housing Benefit for customers who have not attained the qualifying age for State Pension Credit.• Appendix B - Rates for Housing and Council Tax Benefit for customers who have attained the qualifying age for State Pension Credit.• Appendix C – Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance and Employment & Support Allowance rates.• Appendix D – Other contributory and non-contributory social security rates and Bereavement Benefits.• Appendix E – Tax Credits, Child Benefit and National Insurance.			
Suggested Action <p>Ensure all staff are made aware of the changes and that the appropriate information is passed to IT sections where required.</p>			
Other References:	N/A		