

Making sense of your benefits decision notice

Name and address

The name and address of the person who has been designated to receive the Benefit Decision Notice.

Reason for calculation

The reason why the benefit decision notice has been produced.

3 The weekly benefit award is

This is the amount of any benefit entitlement before any deductions.

4 Actual benefit payable

This is the amount of benefit you will receive after any deductions have been taken off for the recovery of outstanding overpayments.

The benefit starts on

The start date of the benefit claim period that this benefit decision notice relates to.

6 Weekly eligible rent/council tax

This is the amount of rent/council tax that we take into account when working out how much benefit you are entitled to.

Non-dependent deductions

This section shows the names of anyone over 18 who lives with you (excluding your partner), their income and the amount of any deductions we have to make from your benefit because of this.

8 Claim reference

To help deal with any queries quickly, please always quote this reference when you contact the benefit section.

9 Council tax reference

Please quote this number if you contact the council tax section.

10 Landlord reference

If your entitlement is being paid to your landlord, their reference will be shown here.

1 Rent reference

Your rent account number is shown here if you live in council accommodation.

Financial details

This section shows the income we have used to work out your benefit.

13 Assumed income from capital

This can also be called tariff or notional income and must be included in the calculation of your benefit. This is NOT the actual interest earned or dividends received.

14 Income we ignore

This is any income that we don't take into account.

15 Applicable amount

This is the amount of money that the government says that you (and your family) need to have a basic standard of living after household costs have been taken into consideration. These figures are set by the government every year.

