

## **A very short guide to some benefits:**

### **Employment and Support Allowance                      0800 055 6688**

[www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance](http://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance)

Financial support if you are unable to work or personalised help so that you can work if you are able to. You can apply for ESA if you're employed, self-employed or unemployed. Contribution based ESA is based on your National Insurance Contributions and Income Related ESA is based on your household income.

### **Personal Independence Payment (PIP)                      0800917 2222**

[www.gov.uk/pip](http://www.gov.uk/pip)

This is replacing Disability Living Allowance for new applicants. Additional payments for people under the age of 65 who have difficulty with some aspects of daily living or mobility or require assistance with their health condition. PIP is not means tested and can be claimed by people who are working or not working.

### **Attendance Allowance    0345 605 6055**

[www.gov.uk/attendance-allowance](http://www.gov.uk/attendance-allowance)

Additional disability payments for people over the age of 65 who have difficulty with some aspects of daily living or mobility or require assistance with their health condition. Attendance allowance is not means tested.

### **Carers Allowance    0345 608 4321**

**Online claim -** [www.gov.uk/carers-allowance](http://www.gov.uk/carers-allowance)

Means tested benefit for people who care for another person for more than 35 hours per week. Carers Allowance impacts upon other benefits that the carer and cared for person is receiving.

### **Help with Mortgage Repayments**

If you are a homeowner getting income related benefits – such as Pension Credit / Income related ESA / Income support, you may be able to get help towards the interest payments on

- Your Mortgage
- Loans you have taken out for repairs and improvements to your home.

This help is part of your benefit and is called Support for Mortgage Interest (SMI). Call your local Jobcentre Plus or the Pension Service to check your eligibility or to ask any questions about it.

### **Help with Rent**

If you are having difficulty in paying your rent, you can approach your local authority for Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Support.

**There are other benefits available and the application for them can be complex. Contact you Renal Social Support Worker or Citizens Advice for further information.**

## **Help with Energy Bills:**

### **Warm Home Discount Scheme. £140.00 off your energy bill.**

#### **Core Group:**

Pension Credit customers are automatically considered for the discount. Contact your energy supplier for more information.

#### **Broader Group:**

This is subject to Suppliers Discretion but you may be eligible if you are in receipt of Income Related Employment and Support Allowance AND Disability Living Allowance / Personal Independence Payment / has a gross household income of less than £16'000.

Contact your energy supplier and ask to register for or apply for the Warm Home Discount Scheme.

## **Help with water Bills:**

WaterSure Scheme and the Low Income Schemes helps vulnerable, high water usage customers. You may be eligible if you:

- a) Are in receipt of an income related benefit
- b) if you existing supply is on a meter or if you have a low income
- c) if you have 3 or more children living at home OR
- d) You have a medical condition that requires extra water

You may be eligible for the WaterSure financial Scheme. Call your water supplier to find out more.

## **Help with bus costs**

Pay as you go at half the adult rate on buses and trams, and 50% off 7 Day and monthly (up to 6 months) Bus & Tram Passes.

To be eligible for a Bus & Tram Discount photo-card you must be:

- Living in a London borough and
- Aged between 18 and 60 and
- Receiving Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance\*, or Employment and Support Allowance and
- Getting no other free or discounted travel