

NAFAO GUIDE TO DISABILITY RELATED EXPENDITURE 2018/19

HEATING ALLOWANCES

Annual inflationary update based on RPI Fuel index at November 2017. At this date fuel prices had increased by 6.8 % in the last 12 months.

The figures are obtained from www.statistics.gov.uk from the download "consumer price inflation detailed reference tables. The figures are found in Table 41 detailed reference tables - % change over 12 months.

Figures for 2018/2019	Standard	N East / E Midlands	N West / W Midlands
Single person - Flat/Terrace	£1,206.07	£1,307.37	£1,460.37
Couple – Flat/Terrace	£1,591.21	£1,723.11	£1,924.65
Single person – Semi Detached	£1,280.99	£1,388.62	£1,551.12
Couples – Semi Detached	£1,688.29	£1,828.63	£2,042.84
Single – Detached	£1,558.51	£1,688.29	£1,888.78
Couples – Detached	£2,054.45	£2,225.38	£2,487.07

EXPENSES

Mortgage payments/Rent - allow full amount less any means tested benefit paid

Council Tax - allow full amount less any Local Council Tax reduction applied

COSTS OF DISABILITY

Figures were only attached to fuel costs in the FC Guidance and the following are recommended allowances for possible identified items and examples of reasonable evidence requirements prepared by NAFAO. A 3.1 % uplift has been applied based on the November CPI rate.

ITEM	AMOUNT	EVIDENCE
Community Alarm System	Actual cost unless included in Housing Benefit or Supporting People Grant	Bills from provider
Privately arranged care	Actual cost if Social Worker confirms requirement as part of the Care Plan and Council supported care is reduced accordingly	Signed receipts for at least 4 weeks using a proper receipt book
Private Domestic help	Actual cost if Social Worker confirms requirement as part of the Care Plan and Council supported care is reduced accordingly	As privately arranged care

Laundry/Washing Powder	£3.76 per week	Care Plan will have identified an incontinence problem. Identify more than 4 loads per week
Dietary	Discretionary as special dietary needs may not be more expensive than normal	Details of special purchases
Gardening	Discretionary based on individual costs of garden maintenance	As privately arranged care
Wheelchair	£3.92 per week manual £9.52 per week powered	Evidence of purchase. No allowance if equipment provided free of charge
Powered bed	Actual cost divided by 500 (10 yr life) up to a maximum of £4.33 per week	Evidence of purchase if available
Turning bed	Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum of £7.59 per week	Evidence of purchase if available
Powered reclining chair	Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum of £3.44 per week	Evidence of purchase if available
Stair-lift	Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum of £6.13 per week	Evidence of purchase without DFG input
Hoist	Actual cost divided by 500 up to a maximum of £3.00 per week	Evidence of purchase without DFG input