

SUMMARY OF RATES OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, SHOWING  
INCREASES IN RATES AS A RESULT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY  
AMENDMENT ACT, 1945

*Superannuation—*

Universal superannuation (from 1st April, 1940): £10 a year, increased by £2 10s. a year, reaching £104 a year from 1st April, 1978.

*Age-benefits—*

	Per Week. £ s. d.
Unmarried persons: Increased from £1 12s. 6d. to .. .. .	2 0 0
Married persons, both eligible: Increased from £1 12s. 6d. each to .. .. .	2 0 0
Where wife not eligible: Increased from £2 3s. to .. .. .	4 0 0

*Invalids' Benefits—*

Invalids under twenty years of age, unmarried: Increased from £1 2s. 6d. to .. .. .	1 10 0
Invalids twenty years of age and over, unmarried: Increased from £1 12s. 6d. to .. .. .	2 0 0
Invalids, married—	
Male: Increased from £1 12s. 6d. to .. .. .	2 0 0
Wife: Increased from 10s. 6d. to .. .. .	2 0 0
Married woman: Increased from £1 12s. 6d. to .. .. .	2 0 0

*Widows' Benefits—*

(i) With children under sixteen years: Increased from £1 10s. to .. .. . (Plus a supplementary benefit of £1 a week in special cases.)	2 0 0
(ii) With children no longer under sixteen years: Increased from £1 5s. to .. .. .	2 0 0
(iii) Widows who have never had a child: Increased from £1 5s. to .. .. .	1 10 0

*Family Benefits—*

For each child under sixteen years .. .. .	0 10 0
(No increase in rate of benefit, but from 1st April, 1946, the means test no longer applies.)	

*Miners' Benefits—*

Miner: Increased from £1 12s. 6d. to .. .. .	2 0 0
Wife: Increased from 10s. 6d. to .. .. .	2 0 0
Widow: Increased from £1 to .. .. .	1 10 0

*Sickness Benefits—*

Sick persons aged sixteen to twenty without dependants: Increased from 10s. 6d. to .. .. .	1 0 0
Others over sixteen: Increased from £1 to .. .. .	2 0 0
Wife: Increased from 15s. to .. .. .	2 0 0

*Unemployment Benefits—*

Unemployed person aged sixteen to twenty without dependants: Increased from 10s. 6d. to .. .. .	1 0 0
Others over sixteen: Increased from £1 to .. .. .	2 0 0
Wife: Increased from 15s. to .. .. .	2 0 0

*Maori War Benefits—*

Increased from £1 12s. 6d. to .. .. .	2 0 0
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