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## **Glossary of terms**

### *Allowances current*

The number of people in receipt of DLA or AA. This excludes people with entitlement where payment has been suspended.

### *Main disabling condition*

This is the medical cause of the main disability which gives rise to the award of DLA or AA.

### *Review*

A person who is dissatisfied with the result of their last claim can ask for the claim to be reviewed.



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## Introduction

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) replaced and extended Attendance Allowance and Mobility Allowance in April 1992 for people who became disabled before the age of 65. People already in receipt of either Attendance Allowance or Mobility Allowance before April 1992 were invited to make a 'top up' claim for the other component.

DLA is payable to people who are disabled and who have personal care needs, mobility needs or both. DLA consists of two components:

The care component: for people who need help with personal care;

The mobility component: for people who need help with getting around (this component is not available to children under five).

The care component is paid at one of three rates and the mobility component at one of two rates. These are shown in Table 1.10.

To qualify for DLA the need for help must have existed for three months (the qualifying period) and be expected to last for at least a further six months (the prospective test). People who are not expected to live longer than six months because of an illness do not have to satisfy either the qualifying period or the prospective test. Once awarded, DLA will continue to be paid as long as the conditions of entitlement are met.



**Table 1.1: DLA allowances current**

	February 2000	May 2000	August 2000	November 2000	February 2001	May 2001	August 2001
<b>All components</b>	<b>130536</b>	<b>132062</b>	<b>133965</b>	<b>136450</b>	<b>137505</b>	<b>139812</b>	<b>141451</b>
Higher rate care only	2430	2352	2322	2310	2253	2136	2094
Middle rate care only	7316	7257	7323	7424	7402	7411	7362
Lower rate care only	10615	10562	10484	10340	10218	10218	10226
Higher rate mobility only	11969	11960	11903	11942	12014	12209	12110
Lower rate mobility only	3596	3639	3619	3608	3554	3478	3613
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	22026	22213	22490	22897	23032	23444	23756
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	9852	10040	10330	10715	10885	11110	11260
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	25687	26096	26718	27543	27947	28540	29005
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	16885	17899	18833	19905	20568	21558	22361
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	15764	15831	15908	15925	15904	16038	16035
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	4396	4213	4035	3841	3728	3670	3629

**1.1 continued**

	November 2001	February 2002	May 2002	August 2002	November 2002	February 2003	May 2003
<b>All components</b>	<b>142984</b>	<b>144460</b>	<b>145741</b>	<b>146979</b>	<b>148025</b>	<b>149636</b>	<b>151025</b>
Higher rate care only	2046	2031	2017	2027	2022	2045	2073
Middle rate care only	7312	7355	7391	7588	7724	7899	8037
Lower rate care only	10093	10119	10122	10166	10165	10262	10346
Higher rate mobility only	12113	12159	12442	12530	12587	12663	12741
Lower rate mobility only	3641	3699	4116	4156	4177	4200	4241
Higher rate care and higher rate mobility	24184	24422	24499	24674	24879	25135	25281
Higher rate care and lower rate mobility	11500	11599	11573	11622	11731	11885	11908
Middle rate care and higher rate mobility	29442	29792	30020	30417	30646	31020	31369
Middle rate care and lower rate mobility	23055	23658	23858	24121	24368	24711	25077
Lower rate care and higher rate mobility	16018	16009	16108	16166	16357	16548	16665
Lower rate care and lower rate mobility	3580	3617	3595	3512	3369	3268	3287



**Table 1.2: Decisions on initial claims<sup>1</sup>**

	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 <sup>2</sup>	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	1.04.03 to 31.05.03
Initial claims	35055	27908	21860	21622	26963	25186	23861	4172
<b>Initial claims decided</b>	<b>34822</b>	<b>27730</b>	<b>21750</b>	<b>20587</b>	<b>23791</b>	<b>22115</b>	<b>21153</b>	<b>3906</b>
First awards <sup>1</sup> :								
<b>All first awards</b>	<b>15282</b>	<b>13535</b>	<b>12530</b>	<b>11657</b>	<b>14628</b>	<b>13703</b>	<b>12940</b>	<b>2308</b>
Higher rate care only	720	610	458	392	489	463	453	69
Middle rate care only	1433	1280	1017	1142	1495	1311	1464	213
Lower rate care only	2190	2331	1530	1439	1432	1251	1133	200
Higher rate mobility only	1669	1101	565	602	864	902	885	133
Lower rate mobility only	446	529	527	436	491	500	458	101
Higher rate care &:- higher rate mobility	1768	1377	1520	1108	1268	1208	1245	215
lower rate mobility	587	677	1420	1121	1436	1292	1315	221
Middle rate care &:- higher rate mobility	2578	1865	1597	1484	2290	2032	1904	347
lower rate mobility	777	1050	1962	2510	3347	3320	2791	530
Lower rate care &:- higher rate mobility	2543	1808	1120	1024	1188	1104	1082	205
lower rate mobility	571	607	814	399	328	320	210	74
Rejections	19540	14195	9220	8930	9163	8412	8213	1598

1. Figures do not include first awards made as a result of review or appeal decisions.

2. Excludes January 2000 data, which are not available



**Table 1.3: Decisions on review**

Year	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 <sup>2</sup>	2000/01 <sup>3</sup>	2001/02 <sup>3</sup>	2002/03 <sup>4</sup>	1.04.03 to 31.05.03 <sup>4</sup>
Requests for review	22486	22556	15215	12429	16708	14597	12843	1364
Decisions								
<b>All decisions</b>	<b>21699</b>	<b>21901</b>	<b>14820</b>	<b>12182</b>	<b>16352</b>	<b>14384</b>	<b>12766</b>	<b>1363</b>
Review allowed	2489	1781	1080	548	1991	2346	1996	223
Award increased <sup>1</sup>	4621	4347	3909	3170	4498	4321	3973	418
Other decisions	14589	15773	9831	8464	9863	7717	6797	722

1. Rates of either component are increased.

2. Excludes January 2000 data, which are not available

3. Includes in and out-of-time reviews, reconsiderations and supersessions

4. Includes reconsiderations and supersessions only

**Table 1.4: Awards by sex and age in year ending 31 May 2003<sup>1</sup>**

	Total	Men	Women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>17856</b>	<b>8808</b>	<b>9048</b>
0-4	849	564	285
5-9	733	489	244
10-15	607	387	220
16-19	414	206	208
20-24	677	344	333
25-29	805	364	441
30-34	1218	566	652
35-39	1453	655	798
40-44	1647	748	899
45-49	1709	773	936
50-54	1995	895	1100
55-59	2439	1155	1284
60-64	2345	1191	1154
65 and over	965	471	494

1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews or appeals.



**Table 1.5: Awards by main disabling condition in year ending 31 May 2003<sup>1 2</sup>**

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
<b>All conditions</b>	<b>17856</b>	<b>6117</b>	<b>2211</b>	<b>9528</b>
Terminally ill	674	238	9	427
Arthritis	2221	886	365	970
Back ailments	1267	378	215	674
Muscles/joint/bone disease	1612	652	257	703
Trauma to limbs	135	52	18	65
Blindness	186	81	25	80
Deafness	140	55	19	66
Heart disease	936	321	221	394
Chest disease	378	123	91	164
Asthma	469	300	76	93
Stroke-related	332	129	41	162
Epilepsy	467	98	25	344
Neurological disorder	316	95	26	195
Multiple sclerosis	181	67	12	102
Chronic fatigue	257	86	34	137
Diabetes	393	163	38	192
Learning difficulties	552	298	47	207
Other mental health causes	5436	1301	550	3585
Alcohol abuse	549	197	24	328
Renal disorders	91	42	10	39
Inflammatory bowels	91	30	12	49
Bowels/stomach disorder	101	58	8	35
Skin disease	176	140	12	24
Malignant disease	505	187	31	287
Other	391	140	45	206

1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews and appeals.

2. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded.

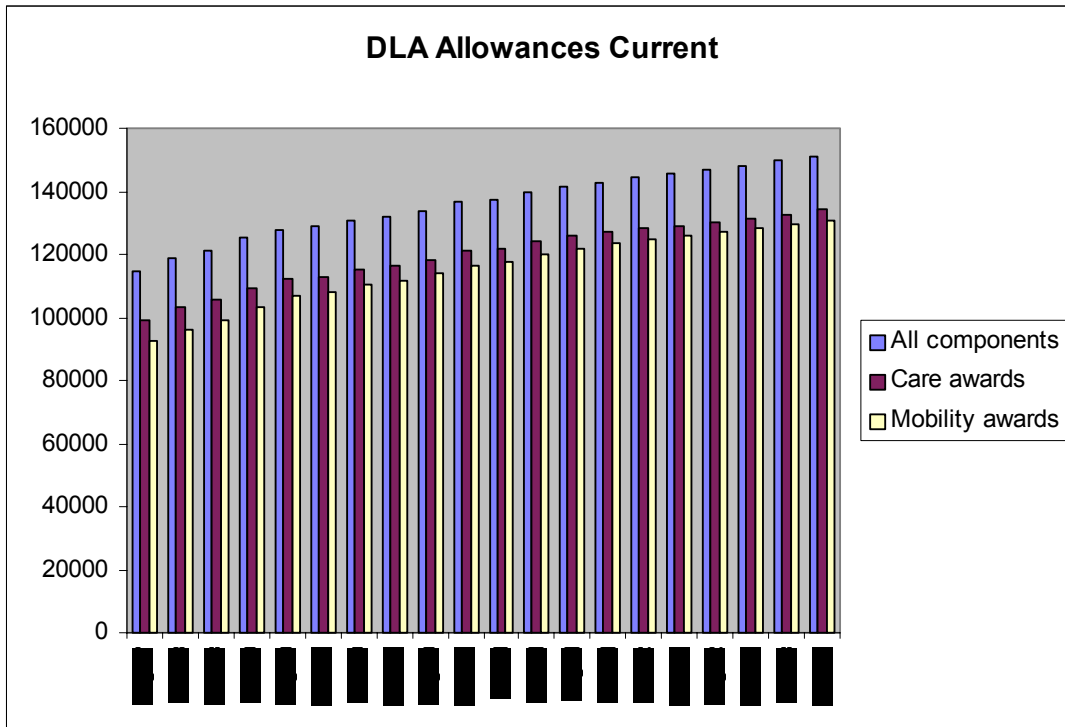


**Table 1.6: DLA allowances current by age and sex at 31 May 2003**

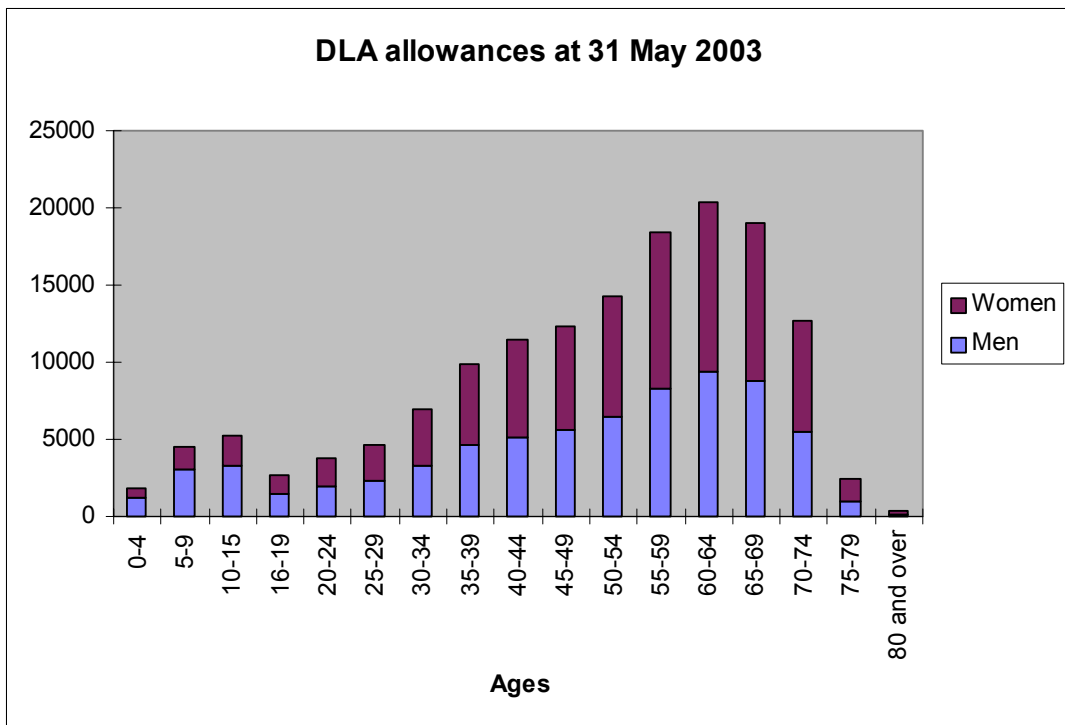
	Total	Men	Women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>151025</b>	<b>71732</b>	<b>79293</b>
0-4	1874	1180	694
5-9	4542	2992	1550
10-15	5266	3334	1932
16-19	2662	1487	1175
20-24	3832	2010	1822
25-29	4669	2337	2332
30-34	7011	3324	3687
35-39	9883	4593	5290
40-44	11501	5129	6372
45-49	12336	5644	6692
50-54	14215	6416	7799
55-59	18368	8352	10016
60-64	20340	9435	10905
65-69	19008	8791	10217
70-74	12662	5544	7118
75-79	2463	1016	1447
80 and over	393	148	245



**Chart 1.1: DLA allowances current**



**Chart 1.2: DLA allowances current by age and sex**



**Table 1.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 31 May 2003<sup>1</sup>**

	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
<b>All conditions</b>	<b>151025</b>	<b>20456</b>	<b>16982</b>	<b>113587</b>
Terminally ill	1204	30	6	1168
Arthritis	28595	3716	2865	22014
Back ailments	11372	1521	1251	8600
Muscles/joint/bone disease	14062	3361	1567	9134
Trauma to limbs	765	257	96	412
Blindness	2100	82	156	1862
Deafness	1770	138	120	1512
Heart disease	11661	695	2443	8523
Chest disease	4194	209	852	3133
Asthma	4265	1167	761	2337
Stroke-related	3200	265	214	2721
Peripheral vascular disease	1112	27	328	757
Epilepsy	4542	444	105	3993
Neurological disorder	2842	339	144	2359
Multiple sclerosis	1614	44	86	1484
Chronic fatigue	1465	283	105	1077
Diabetes	2368	576	111	1681
Learning difficulties	8236	619	1069	6548
Other mental health causes	30743	3737	2528	24478
Alcohol abuse	2494	604	76	1814
Skin disease	1020	677	40	303
Malignant disease	2058	416	92	1550
Conversion*	5213	257	1720	3236
Other	4130	992	247	2891

1. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded.

\* Disabling conditions were not recorded for existing cases when they were transferred to the computer system.

**Table 1.8: Allowances current by District Council and Sex at 31 May 2003<sup>12</sup>**

District Council	Male				Female			
	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
Antrim	1717	239	278	1200	1860	242	291	1327
Ards	2322	297	345	1680	2584	317	316	1951
Armagh	2150	292	308	1550	2331	275	279	1777
Ballymena	1609	229	271	1109	1721	252	239	1230
Ballymoney	979	144	136	699	1077	156	106	815
Banbridge	1613	180	229	1204	1694	203	189	1302
Belfast	15303	2244	1506	11553	17370	2263	1670	13437
Carrickfergus	1179	183	180	816	1368	192	201	975
Castlereagh	2090	280	288	1522	2410	310	320	1780
Coleraine	1568	255	191	1122	1692	269	222	1201
Cookstown	1761	228	162	1371	1855	251	163	1441
Craigavon	3729	495	402	2832	4342	549	452	3341
Derry	5846	890	614	4342	6528	840	623	5065
Down	2743	334	359	2050	2812	330	347	2135
Dungannon	2475	312	242	1921	2547	301	241	2005
Fermanagh	2109	329	253	1527	2111	301	198	1612
Larne	973	161	138	674	931	143	131	657
Limavady	1251	227	111	913	1403	251	121	1031
Lisburn	4053	652	491	2910	4561	603	537	3421
Magherafelt	1276	217	140	919	1508	244	162	1102
Moyle	557	70	77	410	591	83	75	433
Newry & Mourne	4371	572	447	3352	4551	561	415	3575
Newtownabbey	2647	363	483	1801	3042	379	439	2224
North Down	1848	215	286	1347	2171	255	335	1581
Omagh	2617	369	229	2019	2813	332	201	2280
Strabane	2307	279	186	1842	2615	282	170	2163
Missing Postcode	639	102	88	449	805	114	99	592
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>71732</b>	<b>10158</b>	<b>8440</b>	<b>53134</b>	<b>79293</b>	<b>10298</b>	<b>8542</b>	<b>60453</b>

1. The allocation of allowances to District Councils is based on the postcode of the recipient. There is evidence that this process is not equally accurate for all District Councils.

2. Postcode to District Council allocation has been assigned using the May 2003 NISRA Central Postcode Directory.



**Table 1.9: Allowances current by District Council and Population<sup>1</sup> at 31 May 2003<sup>2</sup>**

District Council	Total Population <sup>1</sup>	All DLA Awards				All DLA Awards as a % of Total Population <sup>1</sup>			
		All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component	All Awards	Care component only	Mobility component only	Care and mobility component
Antrim	48761	<b>3577</b>	481	569	2527	<b>7.3%</b>	1.0%	1.2%	5.2%
Ards	73435	<b>4906</b>	614	661	3631	<b>6.7%</b>	0.8%	0.9%	4.9%
Armagh	54462	<b>4481</b>	567	587	3327	<b>8.2%</b>	1.0%	1.1%	6.1%
Ballymena	58801	<b>3330</b>	481	510	2339	<b>5.7%</b>	0.8%	0.9%	4.0%
Ballymoney	27007	<b>2056</b>	300	242	1514	<b>7.6%</b>	1.1%	0.9%	5.6%
Banbridge	41549	<b>3307</b>	383	418	2506	<b>8.0%</b>	0.9%	1.0%	6.0%
Belfast	277170	<b>32673</b>	4507	3176	24990	<b>11.8%</b>	1.6%	1.1%	9.0%
Carrickfergus	37730	<b>2547</b>	375	381	1791	<b>6.8%</b>	1.0%	1.0%	4.7%
Castlereagh	66533	<b>4500</b>	590	608	3302	<b>6.8%</b>	0.9%	0.9%	5.0%
Coleraine	56408	<b>3260</b>	524	413	2323	<b>5.8%</b>	0.9%	0.7%	4.1%
Cookstown	32712	<b>3616</b>	479	325	2812	<b>11.1%</b>	1.5%	1.0%	8.6%
Craigavon	80931	<b>8071</b>	1044	854	6173	<b>10.0%</b>	1.3%	1.1%	7.6%
Derry	105335	<b>12374</b>	1730	1237	9407	<b>11.7%</b>	1.6%	1.2%	8.9%
Down	64147	<b>5555</b>	664	706	4185	<b>8.7%</b>	1.0%	1.1%	6.5%
Dungannon	47849	<b>5022</b>	613	483	3926	<b>10.5%</b>	1.3%	1.0%	8.2%
Fermanagh	57687	<b>4220</b>	630	451	3139	<b>7.3%</b>	1.1%	0.8%	5.4%
Larne	30811	<b>1904</b>	304	269	1331	<b>6.2%</b>	1.0%	0.9%	4.3%
Limavady	32639	<b>2654</b>	478	232	1944	<b>8.1%</b>	1.5%	0.7%	6.0%
Lisburn	108997	<b>8614</b>	1255	1028	6331	<b>7.9%</b>	1.2%	0.9%	5.8%
Magherafelt	39891	<b>2784</b>	461	302	2021	<b>7.0%</b>	1.2%	0.8%	5.1%
Moyle	15961	<b>1148</b>	153	152	843	<b>7.2%</b>	1.0%	1.0%	5.3%
Newry & Mourne	87399	<b>8922</b>	1133	862	6927	<b>10.2%</b>	1.3%	1.0%	7.9%
Newtownabbey	80144	<b>5689</b>	742	922	4025	<b>7.1%</b>	0.9%	1.2%	5.0%
North Down	76578	<b>4019</b>	470	621	2928	<b>5.2%</b>	0.6%	0.8%	3.8%
Omagh	48109	<b>5430</b>	701	430	4299	<b>11.3%</b>	1.5%	0.9%	8.9%
Strabane	38273	<b>4922</b>	561	356	4005	<b>12.9%</b>	1.5%	0.9%	10.5%
Missing Postcode		<b>1444</b>	216	187	1041				
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>1689319</b>	<b>151025</b>	20456	16982	113587	<b>8.9%</b>	1.2%	1.0%	6.7%

1. 2001 Mid Year Estimates, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

2. Postcode to District Council allocation has been assigned using the May 2003 NISRA Central Postcode Directory.



**Table 1.10: Rates of DLA**

Date	<i>£ per week</i>				
	Care component			Mobility component	
	Higher rate	Middle rate	Lower rate	Higher rate	Lower rate
06 April 1992	43.35	28.95	11.55	30.30	11.55
10 April 1993	44.90	30.00	11.95	31.40	11.95
11 April 1994	45.70	30.55	12.15	31.95	12.15
10 April 1995	46.70	31.20	12.40	32.65	12.40
08 April 1996	48.50	32.40	12.90	33.90	12.90
07 April 1997	49.50	33.10	13.15	34.60	13.15
06 April 1998	51.30	34.30	13.60	35.85	13.60
05 April 1999	52.95	35.40	14.05	37.00	14.05
10 April 2000	53.55	35.80	14.20	37.40	14.20
09 April 2001	55.30	37.00	14.65	38.65	14.65
08 April 2002	56.25	37.65	14.90	39.30	14.90
09 April 2003	57.20	38.30	15.15	39.95	15.15



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## Introduction

Attendance allowance (AA) is a benefit for people aged 65 or over who are so severely disabled, physically or mentally, that they need someone with them to help with personal care. They could need either frequent help coping with their bodily functions or constant care to stop them hurting themselves or others. This could be either during the day or night.

A claimant who needs help both during the day and at night can get the higher rate of AA. A claimant who needs help either during the day or at night gets the lower rate. Since October 1990, people who have a terminal illness, and are therefore not likely to live for more than 6 months, have also been invited to claim. Since April 1992, people who were disabled before the age of 65 receive Disability Living Allowance instead of AA.



**Table 2.1: AA allowances current**

Year ending	All awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
30 November 1996	<b>62697</b>	41350	21347
28 February 1997	<b>62607</b>	41542	21065
31 May 1997	<b>63472</b>	42491	20981
31 August 1997	<b>64282</b>	43350	20932
30 November 1997	<b>64671</b>	43880	20791
28 February 1998	<b>64517</b>	44010	20507
31 May 1998	<b>64422</b>	44231	20191
31 August 1998	<b>64367</b>	44208	20159
30 November 1998	<b>64747</b>	44514	20233
28 February 1999	<b>64664</b>	44473	20191
31 May 1999	<b>64941</b>	45044	19897
31 August 1999	<b>64770</b>	45083	19687
30 November 1999	<b>65169</b>	45576	19593
29 February 2000	<b>64850</b>	45594	19256
31 May 2000	<b>65217</b>	46153	19064
31 August 2000	<b>65221</b>	46447	18774
30 November 2000	<b>66265</b>	47434	18831
28 February 2001	<b>65864</b>	47235	18629
31 May 2001	<b>65764</b>	47368	18396
31 August 2001	<b>65730</b>	47447	18283
30 November 2001	<b>66286</b>	48120	18166
28 February 2002	<b>65954</b>	47943	18011
31 May 2002	<b>65657</b>	47843	17814
31 August 2002	<b>65422</b>	47640	17782
30 November 2002	<b>65100</b>	47472	17628
28 February 2003	<b>65526</b>	47879	17647
31 May 2003	<b>65837</b>	48139	17698

**Table 2.2: Decisions on initial claims<sup>1</sup>**

Year	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 <sup>2</sup>	2000/01 <sup>3</sup>	2001/02 <sup>4</sup>	2002/03	1.04.03 to 31.05.03
Initial claims	14257	12702	11365	9455	10275	10881	9292	1687
Initial claims decided								
<b>All decisions</b>	<b>14131</b>	<b>12569</b>	<b>11282</b>	<b>9214</b>	<b>9739</b>	<b>10173</b>	<b>8824</b>	<b>1597</b>
First awards:								
Higher rate	7143	6652	5735	5390	5828	5756	4941	877
Lower rate	3709	2936	3133	2288	2402	2436	2260	441
Rejections	3279	2981	2414	1536	1509	1981	1623	279

1. Figures exclude first awards made as a result of review or appeal decisions.

2. Excludes November 1999 and January 2000 data, which are not available

3. Excludes March 2001 data, which are not available

4. Excludes September 2001 data, which are not available



**Table 2.3: Decisions on review**

Year	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00 <sup>1</sup>	2000/01 <sup>23</sup>	2001/02 <sup>45</sup>	2002/03 <sup>5</sup>	1.04.03 to 31.05.03 <sup>5</sup>
Requests for review	3963	3455	2737	1908	2357	2744	2072	364
Decisions								
<b>All decisions</b>	<b>3814</b>	<b>3358</b>	<b>2677</b>	<b>1847</b>	<b>2333</b>	<b>2714</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>351</b>
Review allowed	908	839	378	154	132	164	126	26
Award increased	1717	1676	1646	1268	1644	1651	1229	195
Other decisions	1189	843	653	425	557	899	676	130

1. Excludes November 1999 and January 2000 data, which are not available

2. Includes in and out-of-time reviews, reconsiderations and supersessions

3. Excludes March 2001 data, which are not available

4. Excludes September 2001 data, which are not available

5. Includes reconsiderations and supersessions only

**Table 2.4: Awards by sex and age in year ending 31 May 2003<sup>1</sup>**

	Total	Men	Women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>9283</b>	<b>3704</b>	<b>5579</b>
65-69	1277	588	689
70-74	1882	813	1069
75-79	2349	967	1382
80-84	2054	798	1256
85-89	1106	379	727
90 and over	615	159	456

1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews or appeals.



**Table 2.5: Awards by main disabling condition in year ending 31 May 2003<sup>1 2</sup>**

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
<b>All conditions</b>	<b>9283</b>	<b>6631</b>	<b>2652</b>
Terminally ill	624	624	0
Arthritis	2730	1927	803
Back ailments	163	108	55
Muscles/joint/bone disease	164	106	58
Trauma to limbs	53	35	18
Blindness	169	89	80
Heart disease	924	621	303
Chest disease	369	256	113
Asthma	84	57	27
Stroke-related	428	323	105
Frailty	1388	972	416
Parkinsons disease	124	97	27
Diabetes	171	101	70
Other mental health causes	907	634	273
Malignant disease	217	164	53
Other	258	179	79
Conversion*	510	338	172

1. Figures relate to first awards made as a result of initial claims, reviews and appeals.

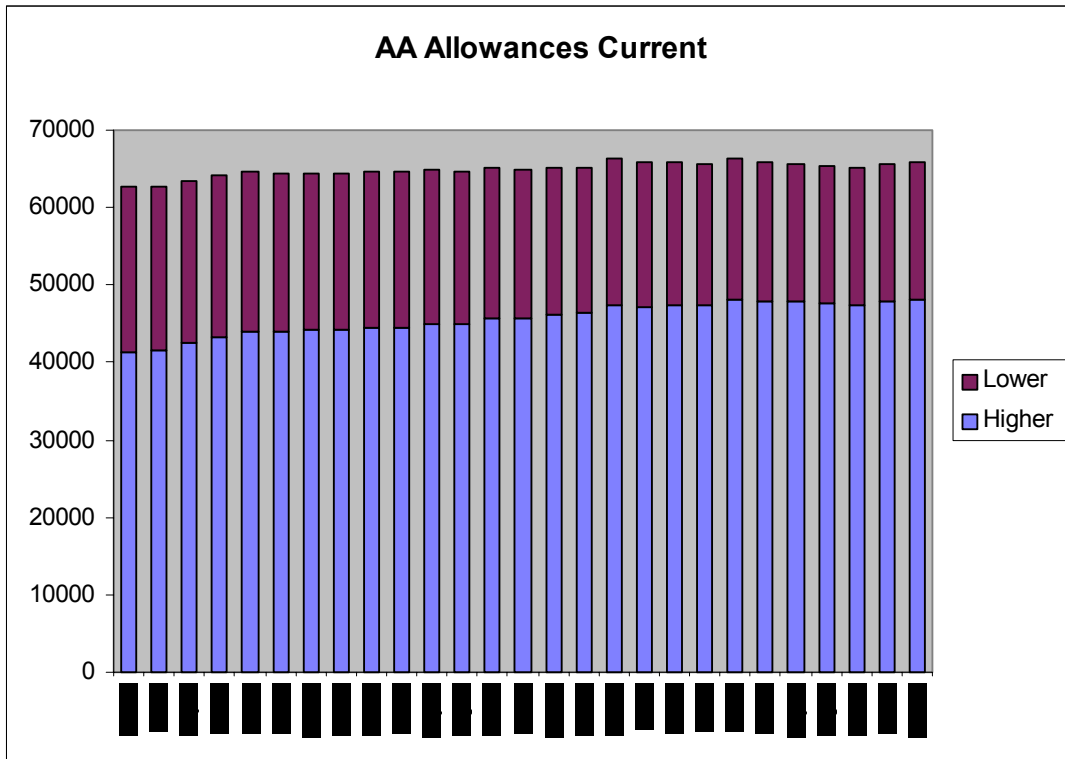
2. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded.

**Table 2.6: AA allowances current by age and sex at 31 May 2003**

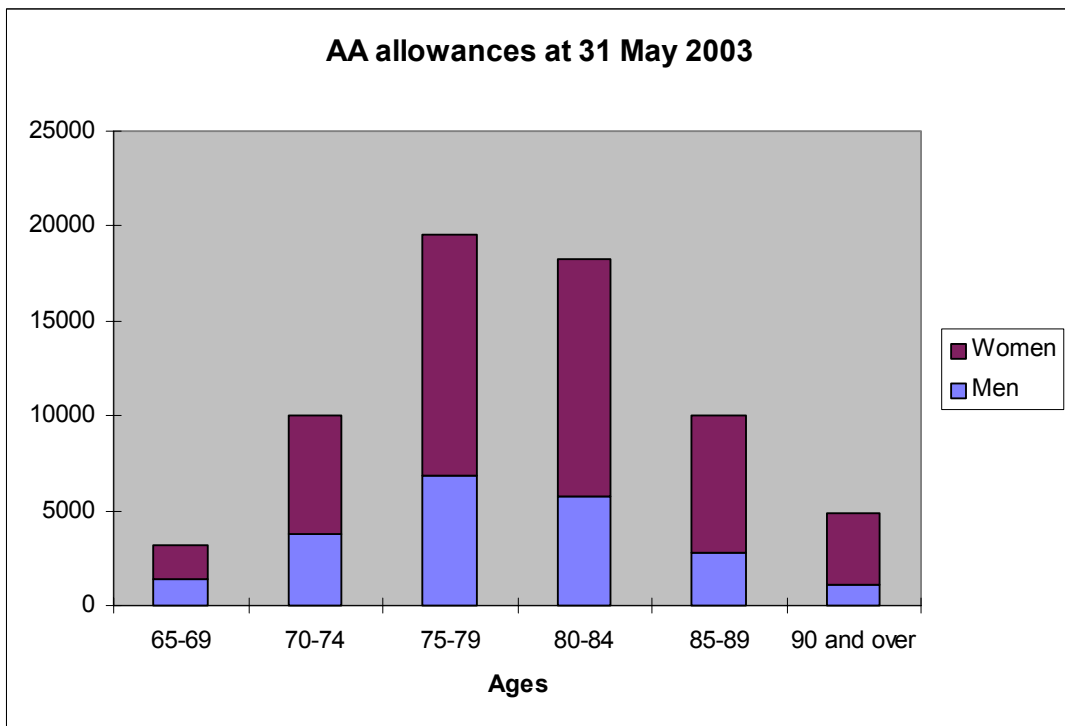
	Total	Men	Women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>65,837</b>	<b>21,599</b>	<b>44,238</b>
65-69	3137	1391	1746
70-74	10060	3799	6261
75-79	19525	6845	12680
80-84	18213	5759	12454
85-89	10067	2733	7334
90 and over	4835	1072	3763



**Chart 2.1: AA allowances current**



**Chart 2.2: AA allowances current by age and sex**



**Table 2.7: Allowances current by main disabling condition at 31 May 2003<sup>1</sup>**

	All Awards	Higher rate	Lower rate
<b>All conditions</b>	<b>65837</b>	<b>48139</b>	<b>17698</b>
Terminally ill	727	727	0
Arthritis	18948	13834	5114
Back ailments	1194	851	343
Muscles/joint/bone disease	922	656	266
Trauma to limbs	365	262	103
Blindness	1097	544	553
Heart disease	6373	4567	1806
Chest disease	2301	1713	588
Asthma	595	460	135
Stroke-related	2393	1873	520
Peripheral vascular disease	352	243	109
Frailty	6212	4421	1791
Neurological disorder	676	479	197
Parkinsons disease	595	487	108
Diabetes	999	685	314
Other mental health causes	3087	2226	861
Malignant disease	884	704	180
Other	1141	820	321
Conversion*	16976	12587	4389

1. Where more than one disability is present only the main disabling condition is recorded.

\* Disabling conditions were not recorded for existing cases when they were transferred to the computer system.



**Table 2.8: Allowances current by District Council and Sex at 31 May 2003<sup>12</sup>**

District Council	All Awards			Male			Female		
	All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate	All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate	All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate
Antrim	1243	857	386	401	293	108	842	564	278
Ards	2797	1895	902	879	608	271	1918	1287	631
Armagh	2164	1647	517	738	567	171	1426	1080	346
Ballymena	2023	1428	595	650	474	176	1373	954	419
Ballymoney	1042	751	291	369	276	93	673	475	198
Banbridge	1590	1149	441	538	411	127	1052	738	314
Belfast	12811	9136	3675	3816	2795	1021	8995	6341	2654
Carrickfergus	1256	833	423	407	296	111	849	537	312
Castlereagh	2594	1797	797	819	601	218	1775	1196	579
Coleraine	2108	1506	602	659	479	180	1449	1027	422
Cookstown	1417	1155	262	508	429	79	909	726	183
Craigavon	3057	2198	859	1016	751	265	2041	1447	594
Derry	2994	2215	779	977	751	226	2017	1464	553
Down	2357	1764	593	764	581	183	1593	1183	410
Dungannon	2124	1717	407	743	606	137	1381	1111	270
Fermanagh	2640	2065	575	977	779	198	1663	1286	377
Larne	1106	756	350	369	275	94	737	481	256
Limavady	1097	865	232	389	308	81	708	557	151
Lisburn	3399	2342	1057	1065	778	287	2334	1564	770
Magherafelt	1612	1271	341	583	467	116	1029	804	225
Moyle	675	486	189	223	168	55	452	318	134
Newry & Mourne	3590	2844	746	1266	1033	233	2324	1811	513
Newtownabbey	2836	1898	938	925	632	293	1911	1266	645
North Down	3077	2184	893	968	719	249	2109	1465	644
Omagh	2003	1662	341	743	628	115	1260	1034	226
Strabane	1539	1170	369	564	432	132	975	738	237
Missing Postcode	686	548	138	243	189	54	443	359	84
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>65837</b>	<b>48139</b>	<b>17698</b>	<b>21599</b>	<b>16326</b>	<b>5273</b>	<b>44238</b>	<b>31813</b>	<b>12425</b>

1. The allocation of allowances to District Councils is based on the postcode of the recipient. There is evidence that this process is not equally accurate for all District Councils.

2. Postcode to District Council allocation has been assigned using the May 2003 NISRA Central Postcode Directory.

**Table 2.9: Allowances current by District Council and Population<sup>1</sup> at 31 May 2003<sup>2</sup>**

District Council	Population Aged 65+ <sup>1</sup>	All AA Awards			All AA Awards as a % of Population Aged 65+ <sup>1</sup>		
		All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate	All Awards	Higher Rate	Lower Rate
Antrim	5150	1243	857	386	24.1%	16.6%	7.5%
Ards	10342	2797	1895	902	27.0%	18.3%	8.7%
Armagh	6659	2164	1647	517	32.5%	24.7%	7.8%
Ballymena	8505	2023	1428	595	23.8%	16.8%	7.0%
Ballymoney	3647	1042	751	291	28.6%	20.6%	8.0%
Banbridge	5211	1590	1149	441	30.5%	22.0%	8.5%
Belfast	42374	12811	9136	3675	30.2%	21.6%	8.7%
Carrickfergus	5013	1256	833	423	25.1%	16.6%	8.4%
Castlereagh	10976	2594	1797	797	23.6%	16.4%	7.3%
Coleraine	8007	2108	1506	602	26.3%	18.8%	7.5%
Cookstown	3765	1417	1155	262	37.6%	30.7%	7.0%
Craigavon	10229	3057	2198	859	29.9%	21.5%	8.4%
Derry	10336	2994	2215	779	29.0%	21.4%	7.5%
Down	8153	2357	1764	593	28.9%	21.6%	7.3%
Dungannon	5988	2124	1717	407	35.5%	28.7%	6.8%
Fermanagh	7954	2640	2065	575	33.2%	26.0%	7.2%
Larne	4566	1106	756	350	24.2%	16.6%	7.7%
Limavady	3183	1097	865	232	34.5%	27.2%	7.3%
Lisburn	12941	3399	2342	1057	26.3%	18.1%	8.2%
Magherafelt	4573	1612	1271	341	35.3%	27.8%	7.5%
Moyle	2312	675	486	189	29.2%	21.0%	8.2%
Newry & Mourne	10204	3590	2844	746	35.2%	27.9%	7.3%
Newtownabbey	11349	2836	1898	938	25.0%	16.7%	8.3%
North Down	12547	3077	2184	893	24.5%	17.4%	7.1%
Omagh	5537	2003	1662	341	36.2%	30.0%	6.2%
Strabane	4445	1539	1170	369	34.6%	26.3%	8.3%
Missing Postcode		686	548	138			
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>223966</b>	<b>65837</b>	<b>48139</b>	<b>17698</b>	<b>29.4%</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>

1. 2001 Mid Year Estimates, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

2. Postcode to District Council allocation has been assigned using the May 2003 NISRA Central Postcode Directory.



**Table 2.10: Rates of AA**

Date	<i>£ per week</i>	
	Higher rate	Lower rate
06 April 1992	43.35	28.95
10 April 1993	44.90	30.00
11 April 1994	45.70	30.55
10 April 1995	46.70	31.20
08 April 1996	48.50	32.40
07 April 1997	49.50	33.10
06 April 1998	51.30	34.30
05 April 1999	52.95	35.40
10 April 2000	53.55	35.80
09 April 2001	55.30	37.00
08 April 2002	56.25	37.65
07 April 2003	57.20	38.30



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## Introduction

Carer's Allowance (CA) is a non-contributory benefit for men and women:

- who look after a severely disabled person for at least 35 hours a week
- who are not gainfully employed (i.e. not earning more than £77 per week after certain deductions) and
- who are not in full-time education for 21 hours or more per week

The severely disabled person must be getting either

- the higher or middle rate of DLA care component, or
- AA, or
- a Constant Attendance Allowance at or above the normal rate with an Industrial Injuries, War or Service Pension.

Someone who gets CA can have extra money added on for their dependants.

Carer's Allowance was previously known as Invalid Care Allowance (ICA). The name change took place in April 2003. Note that the upper ICA age limit of 65 was abolished in October 2002.



**Table 3.1: CA Allowances current at end of year by sex**

Year ending	All persons	Men	Women
November 1993	<b>15,921</b>	3,009	12,912
November 1994	<b>20,900</b>	4,240	16,660
November 1995	<b>28,139</b>	6,318	21,821
November 1996	<b>33,294</b>	7,979	25,315
December 1997	<b>30,003</b>	8,307	21,696
December 1998 <sup>1</sup>	<b>31,676</b>	9,003	22,673
September 1999 <sup>2</sup>	<b>33,673</b>	9,857	23,816
March 2001	<b>33,771</b>	10,469	23,302
November 2001	<b>34,570</b>	10,832	23,738
February 2002	<b>34,893</b>	11,006	23,887
May 2002	<b>35,151</b>	11,113	24,038
August 2002	<b>35,414</b>	11,224	24,190
November 2002	<b>35,892</b>	11,368	24,524
February 2003	<b>36,637</b>	11,701	24,936
May 2003	<b>37,357</b>	12,018	25,339

1. The December 1998 figures onwards were obtained from the new ICA computer system which was introduced in May 1997. These figures are therefore not directly comparable to those for previous years.

2. 9 months ending September 1999

**Table 3.2: Claims and awards**

Year ending	Claims received	Awards	Disallowances
December 1997	11,719	7,738	1,426
December 1998	9,692	7,714	1,763
September 1999 <sup>1</sup>	6,698	5,407	1,291
December 2000 <sup>2</sup>	8,176		
December 2001	10,231	8,727	1,504
December 2002	9,705	8,309	1,396

1. 9 months ending September 1999. Final quarterly data not available

2. Awards and disallowances statistics not available

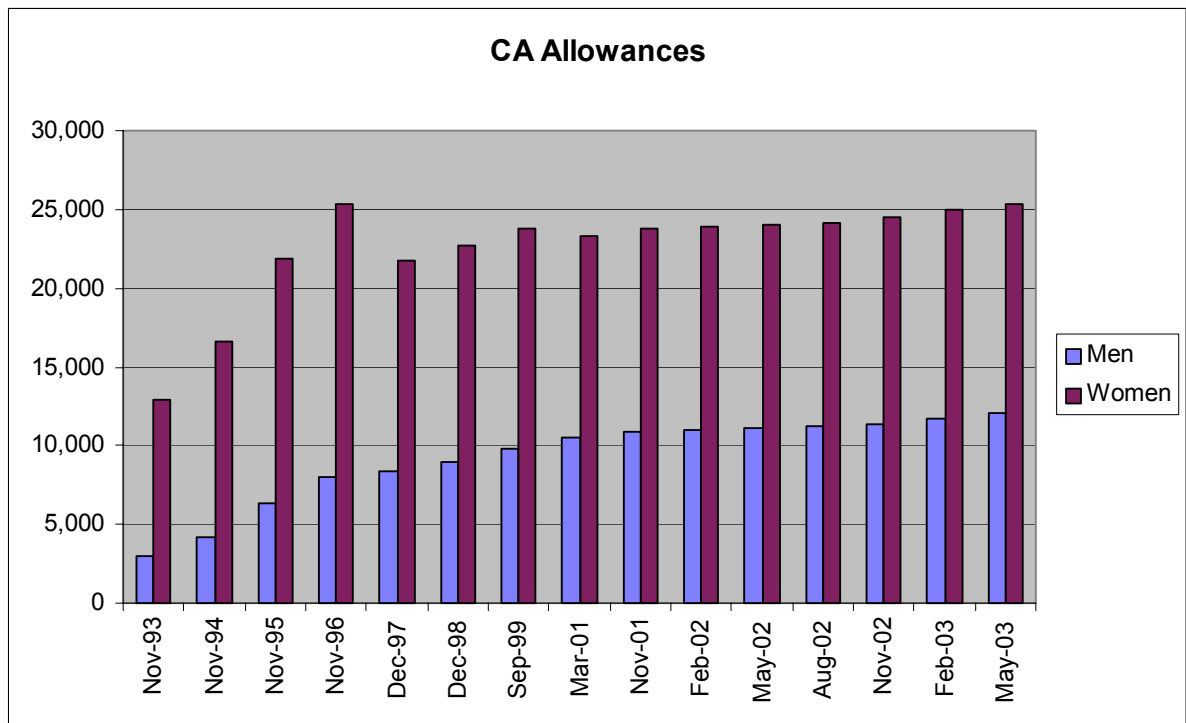


**Table 3.3: Allowances current by age and sex at 31 May 2003**

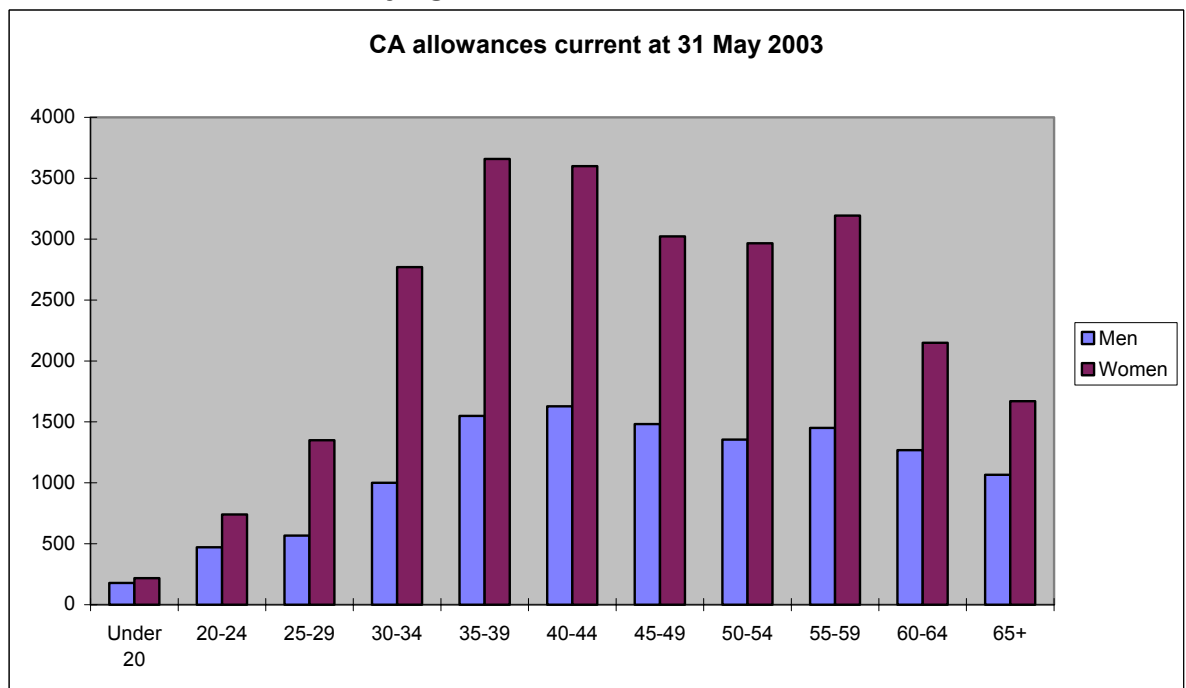
	All persons	Men	Women
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>37,357</b>	<b>12,018</b>	<b>25,339</b>
Under 20	<b>396</b>	178	218
20-24	<b>1211</b>	471	740
25-29	<b>1916</b>	567	1349
30-34	<b>3770</b>	1000	2770
35-39	<b>5209</b>	1550	3659
40-44	<b>5229</b>	1629	3600
45-49	<b>4506</b>	1483	3023
50-54	<b>4321</b>	1354	2967
55-59	<b>4644</b>	1451	3193
60-64	<b>3417</b>	1268	2149
65+	<b>2738</b>	1067	1671



**Chart 3.1: CA allowances over time**



**Chart 3.2: CA allowances by age and sex**



**Table 3.4: Rates of Carer's Allowance**

	£ per week			
	Standard	Adult	Rate for dependants	
			First child	Other children
06 April 1992	32.25	19.45	10.85	10.85
12 April 1993	33.70	20.15	9.80	9.80
11 April 1994	34.50	20.65	9.80	11.00
10 April 1995	35.25	21.10	9.85	11.05
08 April 1996	36.60	21.90	9.90	11.15
07 April 1997	37.35	22.35	9.90	11.20
06 April 1998	38.70	23.15	9.90	11.30
05 April 1999	39.95	23.90	9.90	11.35
10 April 2000	40.40	24.15	9.85	11.35
09 April 2001	41.75	24.95	9.70	11.35
08 April 2002	42.45	25.35	9.65	11.35
07 April 2003	43.15	25.80	9.55	11.35



## Annex

1. The following tables for DLA, while not included in this publication, are also available on request.
  - A. Awards of care by medical code and rate.
  - B. Awards of care by sex, age and rate.
  - C. Awards of mobility by medical code and rate.
  - D. Awards of mobility by sex, age and rate.
  - E. First awards by medical code.
  - F. Decision on length of awards for claims awarded.
  - G. Decision on length of awards for claims awarded by rate.
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