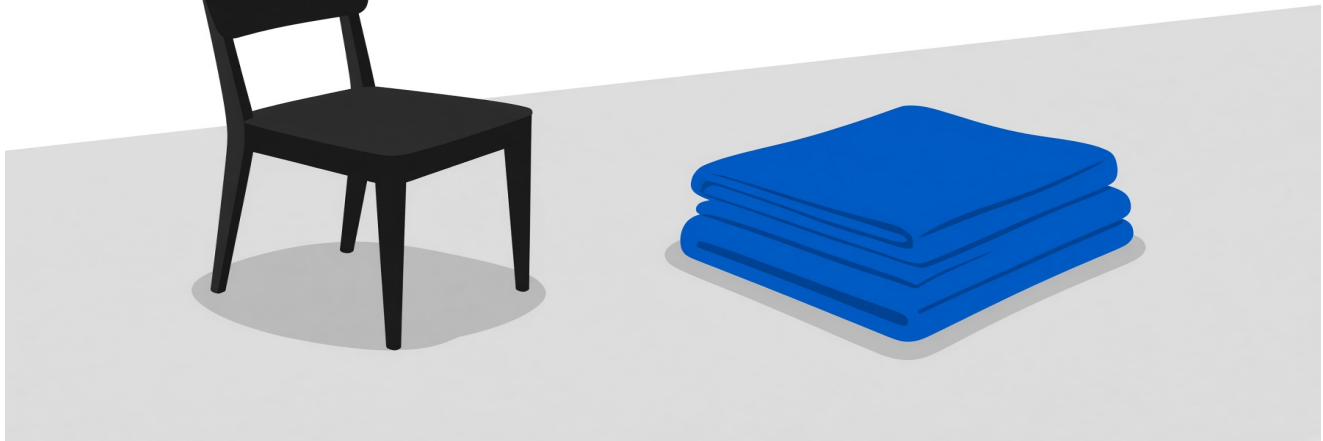




New Style ESA

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What it pays

The 2026/27 assessment rate in this catalogue is £75.65 a week under 25, and £95.55 a week at 25 or over. That is before any extra amount from a work capability assessment.

It is based on National Insurance. Savings do not stop it the way £16,000 stops Universal Credit.

You can claim both

New Style ESA and Universal Credit are different claims. You can make both. ESA is then counted as income on the Universal Credit claim, so do not expect both amounts in full.

ESA does not pay the rent. Universal Credit can, through the housing element.

What it is not

This is not income-related ESA. That route is closed to new claims. A fit note starts New Style ESA. The work capability assessment decides any further component. This check cannot award that component.

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