



New Style Jobseeker's Allowance

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The rate and the length

The 2026/27 rate in this catalogue is £75.65 a week under 25 and £95.55 a week at 25 or over. It is usually paid for up to 182 days.

It depends on National Insurance, not on your savings.

What you have to do

You have to be available for work and actively looking. Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance is closed to new claims. The working-age means-tested route is Universal Credit.

If you are too ill to look for work

New Style ESA is the contribution-based route when health limits work. Jobseeker's Allowance is the route when you can look for work. They are not the same claim.

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