

TABLE OF WIDER BENEFITS POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE TO AFCS CLAIMANTS

The following table provides a broad indication of those benefits which may be available to Service Personnel who are discharged with a GIP from the AFCS. It is intended for illustrative purposes only and should not be quoted as an authoritative source of information as eligibility to benefits depends upon personal circumstances.

Benefit title	Available from (incl. contact details)	What it provides	Qualifying criteria	Impact of GIP/lump sum	
				GIP	Lump sum
Disabled Facilities Grant(DFG)	Department of Communities & Local Government [administered by LAs]	Grants for house adaptation etc in the form of a one-off grant (max £30K)	Means tested based on capital (not income) of £6k	None	Over £6K impacts on entitlement
DLA care paid at 3 rates	DWP - Benefits and Carer Service. Claim via the Benefits Enquiry Line	Benefit for those with disabilities and need help looking after themselves Not paid after 28 days in hospital	Non means tested non contributory	None	None
DLA mobility Paid at 2 rates	DWP Benefits and Carers Service Claim via the Benefits Enquiry Line	Benefit for those unable or virtually unable to walk Withdrawn after 28 days in hospital unless Motability agreement in place.	Non means tested non contributory	None	None
Incapacity Benefit (IB) Paid at short term(lower & higher) and long term rates	DWP Jobcentre Plus	Benefit for those unable to work due to ill health or disability	Non means tested but with certain exceptions contributory	None	None
Income Support (IS)	DWP Jobcentre Plus	Benefit intended to provide for basic living expenses applies to people who do not require to sign on for work or incapable of work	Means tested non contributory amounts paid vary dependent on income & capital – a partner – have a disability–housing costs–a carer some benefits wholly disregarded–others partially	Capital over £6K reduces amount of benefit.	Capital above £16K = no benefit payable
Housing Benefit (HB)	HB is sometimes known as rent rebate or rent allowance. Paid	Helps people pay their rent	No entitlement to HB if living in a close relative's	Capital over £3K reduce	No eligibility if savings

	by local councils to qualify, an individual does not need to be on other benefits.		household	amount of benefit.	over £16K.
Council Tax Benefit (Main type is Main CTB)	Local authority	Helps people pay council tax	On IS – low income	Up to £10 disregard	As for IS
Child Tax Credit (CTC)	HMRC	Helps people whether working or not on low income and responsible for children Awarded on an annual basis	Means tested	Taken into account fully	Capital disregarded wholly but not income from savings
Working Tax Credit (WTC)	HMRC	Helps people in low paid work Awarded on an annual basis	Means tested for those with disability. Must work at least 16 hours a week –also meet disability and benefit tests	Taken into account fully	Capital disregarded wholly but not income from savings
Independent Living Fund (ILF)	Administered by trustees of the ILF	Provide a "direct payment" to enable disabled people to live in the community rather than in residential care people to purchase care. Pays agency or wages of a privately employed Personal Assistant.	Means tested - Offsets include IS.JSA,IS. AFCS GIP Payment	Capital above £11.5K affects eligibility	Capital above £11.5K affects eligibility.