

Pension Credit entitlement – a quick check

Residents who have more income or savings than indicated below may still qualify for Pension Credit, but the answers to these 4 quick questions are a good basic indication of who is likely to qualify.

Status	Question	Answer
Single	How old are you?	State Pension Age – currently 66 years or older
Couple	How old are both you and your partner?	Both must be State Pension Age Or One member of the couple must receive Housing Benefit for people over State Pension Age
Single	What is your weekly income? (excluding disability benefits)	It must be less than £201.05
Couple	What is your combined weekly income? (excluding disability benefits)	It must be less than £306.85
Single	How much savings/capital do you have?	Savings/capital under £10,000 is ignored for Pension Credit
Couple	How much combined savings/capital do you have?	Savings/capital under £10,000 is ignored for Pension Credit

In April 2016, the qualifying State Pension Age rules changed. Residents over 65 who reached their State Pension age before 6 April 2016 could still qualify for Pension Credit if their weekly income is less than:

- £240.90 if they are single
- £351.45 if they are a couple

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