

# Benefit checks for the over 60s

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Surrey County Council and The Pension Service have joined up to offer older people and their carers a free and confidential benefits check.

The Pension Service will undertake a full benefit check and offer support in filling in claim forms.

Whatever your income or circumstances there may be extra cash benefits that you can claim.

**Here are some examples of how older people and their carers could be entitled to extra cash benefits.**

Myrtle is 75 and a retired civil servant. She says “I suffer quite badly with arthritis and recently paid to have a second bathroom downstairs. With my pensions and savings I didn’t think I would be entitled to anything. However because of my health I was advised to claim Attendance Allowance, which is to help disabled people aged 65 and over remain independent. It’s not affected by my income and I am better off by over £40\* a week. Even though I don’t qualify for Council Tax Benefit, I was pleased to find that my council tax bill was reduced because of the alterations I had done”.

Andreas and Magda are both aged 78 and live in sheltered accommodation. Andreas says “Our health is not as good as it used to be and my wife’s daughter puts in a lot of time looking after us. Because of our pensions and savings we can’t get any help with our rent and council tax. We were helped to claim Attendance Allowance worth over £40\* a week each, which is not affected by our savings. We were delighted to find that we could now get some Pension Credit on top of that, as well as some help with the rent and council tax. Magda's daughter can now claim Carer's Allowance worth over £48\* a week”. **You could still be entitled even if your circumstances are different.** Don't leave your benefits to chance. Ask for a free and confidential benefits check by sending back the slip below to: Surrey County Council, Benefits & Charging Consultancy, 2nd Floor Quadrant Court, 35 Guildford Road, Woking, GU22 7QQ.



•This amount usually increases in April each year.

I would like to know more about what benefits I can claim and agree to my contact details being passed to The Pension Service.

(Please print)

My full name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My address is: \_\_\_\_\_

My postcode is: \_\_\_\_\_

My telephone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My national insurance number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My date of birth is: \_\_\_\_\_

I heard about this from: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_