

Consumer Prices Index and Retail Prices Index: The 2009 Basket of Goods and Services

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Introduction

The 'shopping basket' of items making up the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) and Retail Prices Index (RPI) are reviewed every year. Some items are taken out of the basket, some are brought in, to reflect changes in the market and to make sure the CPI and RPI are up to date and representative of consumer spending patterns. This article describes the review process and explains how and why the various items in the CPI and RPI baskets are chosen. The contents of the CPI and RPI baskets for 2009 are summarised in Annexes A and B, and the main changes from the 2008 price collection are discussed.

The shopping basket

The most useful way to think about both the CPI and RPI indices is to imagine a 'shopping basket' containing those goods and services on which people typically spend their money. As the prices of the various items in the basket change over time, so does the total cost of the basket. Movements in the CPI and RPI indices represent the changing cost of this representative shopping basket.

In principle, the cost of the basket should be calculated with reference to all consumer goods and services purchased by households, and the prices measured in every shop or outlet that supplies them. In practice, both the CPI and RPI are calculated by collecting a sample of prices for a selection of representative goods and services in a range of UK retail locations. Currently, around 120,000 separate price quotations are used every month in compiling the indices, covering some 650 representative consumer goods and services for which prices are collected in around 150 areas throughout the UK.

Within each year, the RPI and CPI are described as fixed quantity (Laspeyres-type) price indices; they represent the changing cost of a basket of goods and services of fixed composition, quantity and quality. In practice, this is achieved by (a) holding constant through each year the sample of representative goods and services for which prices are collected each month, and (b) applying a fixed set of weights to price changes for each of the items such that their influence on the overall index reflects their importance in the typical household budget. In this way, changes in the RPI and CPI indices from month to month reflect only changes in prices, and not ongoing variations in consumer purchasing patterns.

However, the contents of the RPI and CPI baskets of goods and services and their associated expenditure weights are updated annually. This is important in helping to avoid potential biases in consumer price indices that might otherwise develop over time - for example, due to the development of entirely new goods and services, or the tendency for consumers to switch away from buying goods and services which have risen relatively rapidly in price. For example, if the price of tea rose dramatically during one year, consumers might switch their spending towards other beverages, making it necessary to adjust the expenditure weights accordingly in the following year.

These procedures also help to ensure that the indices reflect longer-term trends in consumer spending patterns. For example, the proportion of household expenditure devoted to household services has risen steadily over the last 20 years. This is reflected both in an increasing weight for this component in the CPI and RPI, and the addition of new items in the basket to improve measurement of price changes in this area: examples include internet subscriptions, playgroup and nanny fees.

For the RPI, changes to the items and weights are introduced in the February index each year, but prices are collected for both old and new items in January. This means that the figures for each year can be 'chain linked' together to form a long-run price index spanning many years. This procedure ensures that the annual changes to the basket and weights have no impact on estimated changes in prices as measured by the indices. The same basic approach is adopted in the CPI although, for technical reasons, it is necessary to chain link the published index twice each year rather than only once as in the RPI.¹

ONS (2004) '*Consumer Price Indices – a Brief Guide*' provides a helpful introduction to the concepts and procedures underpinning the compilation of the CPI and RPI indices. These are described in much greater detail in ONS (2007) '*Consumer Price Indices – Technical Manual*'. (See references at the end of this article.)

Representative items

It would be both impractical and unnecessary to measure price changes of every item bought by every household in compiling the CPI and RPI. There are some individual goods and services where typical household expenditure is sufficiently large that they merit inclusion in the basket in their own right; examples include petrol, telephone charges, and electricity and gas supply.

However, more commonly, it is necessary to select a sample of specific goods and services that can give a reliable measure of price movements for a broader range of similar items. For example, price changes for garden spades might be considered representative of price changes for other garden tools. These are called 'representative items'. The selection of these representative items is judgmental; the significant difficulties involved in defining an adequate sampling frame (that is, a list of all the individual goods and services bought by households) restricts the use of traditional random sampling methods when choosing the representative items.

¹ CPI indices are chain-linked first each January, when weights for CPI classes and higher level aggregates are updated, and again in February when changes to the basket are introduced and hence weights for individual item indices are reviewed.

For each product grouping, a number of items are selected for pricing whose price movements, taken together, will provide a good estimate of the overall change in prices for the group as a whole. For example, there are around 20 representative items in the CPI 'furniture and furnishings' class, from bedroom wardrobes to kitchen units, for which prices are collected each month to give an overall estimate of price changes for all furniture products. The same approach is adopted in the RPI, although the product classification systems used in each case differ.²

The prices collected for each product group are then combined to produce the overall CPI and RPI indices, with weights proportional to total expenditure on the entire product group. So the weight given to 'furniture and furnishings' in the CPI shopping basket, or 'furniture' in the RPI basket, will reflect average household spending on all furniture products as opposed to expenditure only on those items that have been chosen to represent the group. Similarly, the weight of garden spades would be derived from all spending on garden tools.

As described above, these weights are also updated annually so that the indices reflect current spending patterns. In line with usual practice, CPI class weights were updated with effect from the January 2009 index, and RPI section weights will be revised with effect from the February 2009 index, at which point the weights for the more detailed (unpublished) item indices are also revised. A brief comparison of high level RPI weights since 1987 is shown in Table 2 later in this article, including the new weights for 2009. A more detailed article on changes to the published CPI and RPI weights will be published on the National Statistics website in April 2009.

Note also that there are some specific differences in the commodity coverage of the CPI and RPI indices. For example, the RPI basket includes a number of items chosen to represent owner-occupier housing costs, including mortgage interest payments and depreciation costs, all of which are excluded from the CPI. These differences are described in greater detail in Roe, D. and Fenwick, D. (2004), 'The New Inflation target: the Statistical Perspective'. Beyond these specific areas, the contents of the CPI and RPI baskets are very similar, although the precise weights attached to the individual items in each index differ.³

² The CPI is organised according to the internationally agreed COICOP (Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose) system, as used in the UK National Accounts. The RPI uses a classification system specified by an earlier RPI Advisory Committee, and has evolved gradually over the RPI's long history as a published UK official statistic.

³ RPI weights are based primarily on household spending estimates derived from the Living Costs and Food Survey, previously known as the Expenditure and Food Survey, and relate to expenditures by private households only, excluding the top 4 per cent of households by income and those pensioner households mainly dependent on state benefits. CPI weights are based on National Accounts estimates of household final consumption consistent with the wider CPI population coverage (all private households, residents of institutional households and foreign visitors to the UK).

Selecting the representative items

A number of factors need to be taken into account when choosing representative items. Of course, the items must be easy to find by price collectors, so ensuring that estimates of price change are based on an adequate number of price quotes collected throughout the UK. Since the CPI and RPI are based on the cost of a fixed in-year basket of goods and services, ideally they should also be available for purchase throughout the year. However, availability of some food and clothing items is clearly seasonal, and so these goods require a slightly different treatment in the indices.

The number of items chosen to represent each product group within the CPI and RPI depends both on the weight, that is expenditure, of the group and also the variability of price changes between the various items that could be selected to represent the group (reflecting, for example, the diversity of products available). Intuitively, it makes sense to choose more items in product groups where spending is high; this helps to minimise sampling variability in the estimate of price change for high-weighted groups, and therefore in the overall price index. However, if price movements of all possible items in the group are very similar, it is sufficient to collect prices for only a few⁴. By contrast, if price movements of all the possible items are very different, prices will be needed for many representative items to get a reliable overall estimate of price change for the group.

Following from this, analysis of the balance in the allocation of items to broad commodity groupings, as presented for the 12 divisions of the CPI in Table 1, acts as a useful anchor for the annual review of the basket. The significant allocation of items to the food division relative to its index weight, for example, is partly explained by the relatively high variation in observed price changes between the individual goods in this area. Conversely, a smaller proportion of items relative to index weight is allocated to the restaurants and hotels division, reflecting greater similarity in observed price changes. In some cases, such as transport and housing, apparent low allocations of items are explained by the presence of some dominant individual items (such as car purchase or housing rents); abstracting from these, the case for adding further items to improve coverage of these divisions' remaining index weights is much weaker – instead, it is far more important to ensure that the sampling of prices for these heavily weighted items is as comprehensive as possible.

⁴ At the extreme, if price changes for all the possible items that could be selected in a particular group were identical each month, it would be necessary to select only one of the items for inclusion in the basket. Price changes for this one item would be perfectly representative of price changes for the group as a whole.

Table 1: Allocation of items to CPI divisions in 2009

	CPI weight (per cent)	Observed variation in price changes ¹	Representative items ² (per cent of total)
1 Food & non-alcoholic beverages	11.8	High	22
2 Alcohol & tobacco	4.4	Low	4
3 Clothing & footwear	5.7	Medium	11
4 Housing & household services	12.6	Medium	5
5 Furniture & household goods	6.6	Medium	11
6 Health	2.2	Low	3
7 Transport	15.1	High	6
8 Communication	2.3	Low	1
9 Recreation & culture	14.5	High	17
10 Education	2.1	Low	1
11 Restaurants & hotels	12.8	Low	8
12 Miscellaneous goods & services	9.9	High	11

¹ Based on an analysis of variation in price changes between the individual items chosen to represent each division in the period 1999-2003.

² These figures should be treated as providing only a broad indication of the allocation of items to the 12 CPI divisions. For example, the sample of prices underpinning an existing item might easily be stratified in some way to form two or more distinct items; conversely, items could be merged to form a single item representing a wider, more heterogeneous, spending category. A specific example of this is the item "University tuition fees". This is classified as one item but the index takes into account prices for several hundred courses, including undergraduate, postgraduate, part-time etc.

The analysis also helps to highlight those areas of the index which might benefit most from improved coverage, such as recreation and culture. The current allocation of items to the division is broadly comparable to its index weight but variation in price changes appears relatively high, possibly reflecting the diversity of goods and services covered by this division. As discussed later, this has motivated some of the changes to the basket introduced in 2009. Conversely, it also helps to highlight areas where there is scope to remove items from the basket without any significant loss of precision in the indices. It is important that growth in the overall size of the basket is limited each year so that production costs and processing times are contained.

Such analysis of course cannot tell us which items should be priced, and so choosing a particular set of items to represent each area remains a matter of judgement. CPI and RPI commodity groupings are regularly reviewed with the aim that all significant items or distinct markets where consumers' expenditure exceeds around £400 million annually are explicitly represented in the basket, except where those items are judged to be adequately represented by other items in the basket.⁵ Conversely, where spending on items falls below the £100 million mark, there should be good

⁵ Under CPI regulations, items should be included in the CPI where estimated consumers' expenditure is 1 part per thousand or more of all expenditure covered by the CPI; based on household final consumption data underpinning calculation of the 2009 CPI weights, this is equivalent to around £710 million.

reason for their continuing inclusion in the basket. For example, while spending on acoustic guitars and power drills is relatively low, both are included in the basket to represent wider markets (musical instruments and electrical tools respectively) that would otherwise not be covered explicitly. Trends in expenditure, as well as the latest available figures, help to inform the decisions in all cases.

This focus on relative expenditures in determining the contents of the basket partly reflects the wealth of data that is available describing household spending patterns. One major source of information comes from the diaries and questionnaires filled in by people taking part in the ONS Living Costs and Food Survey, previously known as the Expenditure and Food Survey, a continuous survey of around 6000 households each year. This is supplemented by detailed analyses of trends presented by market research companies, trade journals and in press reports. Changes in the retail environment are also reported to ONS by the price collectors, and together these various sources of information help to ensure that the goods and services that the average household spends its money on are appropriately represented in the CPI and RPI baskets.

It is very important to note that the contents of the basket and, in particular, changes from one year to the next should not be accorded significance beyond their purpose as representative items used in estimating retail price changes. Changes to the basket will reflect evolving consumer tastes, but only over a long run of years. In any particular year, changes to the basket will reflect a range of considerations such as practical experience in collecting prices, the desire to improve coverage in high spending areas, or analysis that suggests that estimated price changes could be improved at the margin by varying the number or type of representative items collected.

Indeed, within each product grouping there is usually a point at which the exact number, choice of items and the precise weights attached to them becomes a matter of relatively fine judgement. At this detailed level, it is unlikely that such choices would have any significant impact on the CPI and RPI indices. For example, a selection of specific household appliances has been chosen to represent spending on small electrical goods, including irons and kettles. However, other representations would clearly be possible and equally valid.

Finally, it should also be noted that the vast majority of the 650 or so representative items remain unchanged in 2009.

Changes to the basket in 2009

Changes to the basket of goods and services this year are being introduced with the February 2009 consumer price indices published on 24 March; that is, monthly changes in prices from February 2009 to January 2010 inclusive are estimated with reference to the updated basket. The basket will be updated again at the same time next year.

New additions to the basket in 2009 and those items removed are set out in Tables 3 and 4 below, together with a brief summary of the motivation for these changes. As the tables make clear, these motivations are diverse. As in previous years, changes

to the basket in 2009 certainly should not be viewed as a simple indicator of those products or services whose popularity has either grown or fallen significantly over the past year. Note that all of the changes to the basket in 2009 affect both the CPI and RPI indices.

The bullet points below give a brief summary and explanation of the themes behind the changes to the basket for 2009:

- Analysis of the broad balance of the existing sample of representative items across the CPI highlighted a need to improve coverage of price changes for a number of CPI classes. These areas include:
 - Recording media (9.1.4), with a new item covering Blu-ray discs introduced to supplement the existing CD and DVD headings; and
 - Reception and reproduction of sound and pictures (9.1.1), through the addition of freeview boxes.
- A number of new items are introduced to represent specific markets where consumer spending is significant, and existing items in the basket may not adequately represent price changes for such goods. For example, hot rotisserie cooked chickens are being introduced to represent the market for hot take away food prepared in supermarkets and add to the list of ready prepared food in the basket. Bottled rose wine is also included for the first time reflecting the increased popularity and growing shelf-space devoted to rose.
- Three high-technology goods are being introduced in the basket this year that can be seen as representing evolving trends: MP4 players replace MP3 players; as mentioned previously, Blu-ray discs are introduced to cover the growing market for the new style format of recorded media; and freeview boxes are an addition reflecting the approach of the digital switchover and the increased spending on audio-visual equipment leading into that.
- As well as introducing items to represent distinct sectors or markets, a number of items have been introduced to diversify the range of products collected for already established groupings, usually where spending is significant. For example, plums are introduced to improve coverage of stoned fruit and fruit more generally which is a class with particularly high variability in prices. Similarly hardwood flooring supplements laminate flooring as a representative of the market for smooth floor coverings and an existing chilled ready meal item is being subdivided according to the meal base - namely meat, fish or vegetable - reflecting the diversity available.
- In other cases, the new items are direct replacements for similar products that leave the basket in 2009. For example, bottles of cider for individual consumption replace party size bottles, double cream replaces single cream, and pouches of cat food replace cans. In each case, the new product represents a greater or increasing proportion of the market compared with the product it replaces. Another example here is the fitting of a watch battery to replace watch repair, clean and service. This change is also partly for operational reasons with watch repair becoming more difficult to price due to fewer outlets offering a standard repair service.

- It is important that the review of the basket considers not just the list of items to be priced, but also where the prices are collected. This is reflected in the introduction of subscriptions to DVD hire over the internet. Hire of DVDs and other items was already in the basket but hire via the internet was not.
- Finally, the seasonality of some items within the basket is also reviewed. Peaches have historically been collected during the summer months with prices carried forward out of season. In 2008, their coverage was extended to eight months of the year. In an attempt to extend the period further, the item has been replaced by a joint peach and nectarine item in the hope that the improved coverage will support a further extension of the period covered.

As noted earlier, it is important that growth in the overall size of the basket is limited each year so that production costs and processing times may be contained. A number of items therefore have been removed from the basket in 2009 to make room for the new additions. Note that the removal of these items from the basket does not necessarily imply that the markets for these goods and services are very small or are declining significantly.

- Some items have been removed to make way for new additions to the basket within the same product grouping. For example, single cream has been removed in 2009 to be replaced by double cream, although both products represent cream. In other cases, the items have been removed so that new items may be introduced covering distinct markets not previously represented explicitly within the product grouping. For example, imported lamb loin chops have been removed this year so that the market for hot take away food from supermarkets can be represented. Equally wine boxes have been removed to allow the introduction of rose wine.
- In some cases a product will still remain represented in the basket even if there is no longer an explicit item. For example, although a daily disposable contact lens item has been removed from the basket, this type of contact lens is covered by a more broadly defined contact lens item. Also one of two tufted carpet items has been removed to enable the introduction of hardwood floor covering.
- Elsewhere analysis suggested that there was scope to reduce the number of price quotes collected for some lower weighted items without any significant loss of precision in estimates of price changes overall. Examples of this include window cleaning fees and knitting wool prices. Previously two price quotes were collected for each of these from each location and this has been reduced to one.

Weights

The table below gives a snapshot of how the high level weights in the RPI⁶ have changed over the last 23 years, since the last re-basing of the series.

⁶ Coverage extensions during the development of the CPI/HICP mean that long term comparisons of weights within CPI are more difficult.

Table 2: High level RPI weights since 1987

RPI GROUP	1987	1992	1997	2002	2007	2008	2009
Food	167	152	136	114	105	111	118
Catering	46	47	49	52	47	47	50
Alcohol	76	80	80	68	66	59	63
Tobacco	38	36	34	31	29	27	27
Housing	157	172	186 ¹	199	238	254	236
Fuel and light	61	47	41	31	39	33	49
Household goods	73	77	72	73	66	66	70
Household services	44	48	52	60	65	64	61
Clothing and footwear	74	59	56	51	44	42	39
Personal goods and services	38	40	40	43	39	41	41
Motoring expenditure	127	143	128	141	133	133	121
Fares and other travel costs	22	20	20	20	20	20	20
Leisure goods	47	47	47	48	41	38	38
Leisure services	30	32	59 ²	69	68	65	67

Weights are specified as parts per 1000 of the all items RPI

¹ Depreciation costs were added to the housing group in 1995

² Foreign holiday costs were added to the leisure services group in 1993, followed by UK holidays a year later.

The table illustrates that over the period there are some clear shifts in expenditure. Broadly speaking, weights for services have increased while those for goods have decreased. The most recent weights in the table also illustrate that changes from one year to the next are less marked – for this reason, users should guard against drawing conclusions about evolving spending patterns just from the update of the basket in any one year.

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Table 3: Additions to the basket in 2009

CPI Class	RPI Section	New Item	Notes
01.1.2 Meat	2109 Poultry	Rotisserie cooked hot whole chicken	New item. Introduced to represent the growing market in hot food takeaway items from supermarkets.
01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2115 Cheese	Parmesan cheese	New item. Introduced to improve coverage of imported cheese. Prices collected can be for cheese in the form of a wedge, shavings or grated.
01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2116 Eggs	Eggs, large free range	Replaces large eggs and reflects greater concentration in market expenditure towards free range eggs.
01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2118 Milk Products	Yoghurt, small individual	Replaces yoghurt/fromage frais and reflects spending on individual pots of yoghurt in comparison to fromage frais.
01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2118 Milk Products	Fresh double cream	Replaces single cream. Double cream attracts a far greater market share than single cream, hence the replacement.
01.1.6 Fruit	2127 Fresh Fruit	Plums	New item. Although spending does not demand that plums be included in the basket, fruit prices are volatile so it is beneficial to collect across a broad range of items and inclusion of plums is to improve coverage of stoned fruit in particular.
01.1.6 Fruit	2127 Fresh Fruit	Peaches/nectarines	Replaces peaches and aims to increase coverage in price collection across the year.
01.1.9 Food Products (not elsewhere classified)	2129 Other Foods	Chilled ready-meal, meat based	Replaces chilled ready meal, reflecting diversity available and increase in expenditure on chilled meals.
01.1.9 Food Products (not elsewhere classified)	2129 Other Foods	Chilled ready-meal, fish/vegetable based	Replaces chilled ready meal, reflecting diversity available and increase in expenditure on chilled meals.
02.1.2 Wine	3102 Beer Off Sales	Cider, bottle 500ml-750ml	Replaces 1-2 litre bottles of cider to represent the increasing market for drinks for individual consumption as the popularity of the party size bottle has decreased.

02.1.2 Wine	3104 Wines & Spirits Off Sales	Rose wine	New item introduced to capture the increase in expenditure on and shelf space devoted to rose wine.
05.5.0 Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	4106 DIY Materials	Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner	Replaces the hire of domestic steam wallpaper strippers which increasingly tend to be bought and not hired.
05.1.2 Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	4302 Furnishings	Hardwood flooring	New item. Introduced to reflect increased spending on smooth (ie non carpet) floor coverings.
09.3.4/5 Pets, Related Products and Services	4306 Pet Care	Cat food pouch	Replaces cat food can. This reflects a trend away from cans towards pouches and packs evidenced with pouches being more readily available in smaller outlets.
12.3.1 Jewellery, Clocks and Watches	4401 Domestic Services	Watch battery replacement	Replaces watch repair, clean & service which is increasingly difficult to collect prices for given the trend towards buying new and away from repair.
09.1.1 Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures	6301 Audio-Visual Equipment	Freeview box	New item. This has been included with the increase in sales due to the digital switchover over the next couple of years.
09.1.1 Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures	6301 Audio-Visual Equipment	MP4 player	New item. Replaces MP3 player to reflect the change in technology in reproduction of sound and pictures.
09.1.4 Recording Media	6302 CDs and Tapes	Blu-ray disc	New item. Introduced to capture changing prices in this new expanding technology.
09.4.2 Cultural Services	6401 TV Licences and Rentals	TV rentals	Replaces TV, video & DVD rental reflecting the decrease in expenditure on video & DVD rental.
09.4.2 Cultural Services	6401 TV Licences and Rentals	DVD rental internet subscription	New item. This reflects the increased availability of rentals via the internet.

Table 4: Items removed from the basket in 2009

(Note: "low weighted" denotes an item with a CPI weight of less than 0.5 parts per thousand in 2008)

CPI Class	RPI Section	Dropped Item	Notes
01.1.2 Meat	2106 Imported Lamb	Frozen imported lamb loin chops	Removed. Lamb is already well represented in the basket and its removal enables the introduction of rotisserie cooked chicken.
01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2115 Cheese	Cheese cheddar, imported	Replaced by parmesan cheese due to lowering coverage of imported cheddar in smaller outlets.
01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2116 Eggs	Eggs, large	Replaced. The shelf space for large eggs is increasingly devoted towards free range produce and the item specification for large eggs has been narrowed reflecting this.
01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2118 Milk Products	Yoghurt/fromage frais, small individual	Replaced. The availability of individual pots of fromage frais has fallen so the item specification has narrowed to yoghurt only. Fromage frais are still represented in the basket by multi-packs.
01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2118 Milk Products	Fresh single cream	Replaced by double cream reflecting the market share of double compared to single cream.
01.1.6 Fruit	2127 Fresh Fruit	Peaches	Replaced by peaches/nectarines to increase coverage in price collection.
01.1.9 Food Products (not elsewhere classified)	2129 Other Foods	Chilled Ready-meal, serve one	Replaced by two ready meal items reflecting the increase in diversity available.
02.1.2 Wine	3102 Beer Off Sales	Cider 1-2 litre bottles	Replaced by smaller bottles of cider to represent the market for drinks for individual consumption rather than 'party' size bottles.
02.1.2 Wine	3104 Wines and Spirits Off Sales	Wine Box-3 litres	Replaced by rose wine due to the relatively low weight of wine boxes and the increased shelf space devoted to bottles of rose.
04.3.2 Services for Maintenance and Repair	4106 DIY Materials	Hire domestic steam wallpaper stripper	Removed. Spending on this item has decreased as more people are buying rather than hiring domestic steam wallpaper strippers.

09.1.1 Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures	6301 Audio-Visual Equipment	MP3 player	Replaced. Technology has moved on to MP4 players and this is reflected in the basket of goods.
09.3.4 Pets, Related Products and Services	4306 Pet Care	Cat food, can	Replaced by cat food pouches reflecting a trend away from tins towards pouches and packs.
09.4.2 Cultural Services	6401 TV Licences and Rentals	DVD film rental	Replaced by subscriptions to internet DVD rental sites.
09.4.2 Cultural Services	6401 TV Licences and Rentals	TV, video and DVD rentals	Removed due to low and decreasing expenditure on DVD player and video cassette recorder rental.
12.3.1 Jewellery, Clocks and Watches	4401 Domestic Services	Watch repair, clean and service	Removed due to difficulty in collecting prices due to the trend towards buying new and away from repair.

ANNEX A: CONSUMER PRICES INDEX: REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS IN 2009

01.1 Food

01.1.1 Bread and Cereals

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced	
Large wholemeal loaf	Bread rolls
Pitta bread	Flour
Rice	Pasta
Breakfast cereals	Various selected biscuits
Corn based snacks	Doughnuts
Sponge cakes	Crackers
Pack of individually wrapped cakes	Frozen pizzas
Fruit pies	Dehydrated noodles / pasta
Chocolate wafers	

01.1.2 Meat

Beef

Rump steak	Braising steak
Mince	Topside
Frozen burgers	

Lamb

Loin chops - home	Lamb shoulder
Lamb leg	

Pork

Loin chops	Shoulder
Bacon gammon	Bacon back

Chicken

Fresh / chilled whole chicken	Fresh chicken breasts
Frozen chicken breasts	Rotisserie cooked hot whole chicken

Other Meats

Pork sausages	Meat pies
Cooked meats – eg ham	Fresh turkey steaks
Canned meats	Frozen chicken nuggets
Chicken kiev	

01.1.3 Fish

White fish fillets	Salmon fillets
Canned tuna	Fish fingers
Frozen prawns	

01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs

Full-fat and semi-skimmed milk – shop-bought and delivered	
Fresh cream	Pro-biotic drink
Yoghurt	Chilled pot dessert
Cheddar – home-produced	Fromage frais
Parmesan cheese	Selected speciality cheeses
Other regional cheeses	Cheese spread
Various sized eggs	

01.1.5 Oils and Fats

Margarine / low fat spread	Olive oil
Home-produced and imported butter	

01.1.6 Fruit

Cooking apples	Dessert apples
Pears	Bananas
Strawberries	Grapes
Oranges	Grapefruit
Avocado pears	Peaches / nectarines
Kiwi fruit	Organic fruit
Various canned fruits	Salted / roasted peanuts
Plums	Small oranges

01.1.7 Vegetables

White loose and pre-packed potatoes - old and new varieties	
Crisps – single and multi-packs	Peppers
Frozen chips	Fresh tomatoes
Cabbage	Cauliflower
Carrots	Mushrooms
Onions	Lettuce
Cucumbers	Canned baked beans
Organic vegetable	Broccoli
Canned tomatoes	Courgettes
Canned sweet corn	Frozen peas
Vegetarian burger/grills	Vegetable pickles

01.1.8 Sugar, Jam, Honey, Syrups, Chocolate and Confectionery

Sugar	Various jams
Ice cream	
Gum – chewing and bubble	
Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates and mints	

01.1.9 Food Products (not elsewhere classified)

Soup	Ready cooked meals
Various sauces – eg tomato sauce, mayonnaise	
Baby food	

1.2 Non - Alcoholic Beverages

01.2.1 Coffee, Tea and Cocoa

Tea bags	Ground coffee
Instant coffee	

01.2.2 Mineral Water, Soft Drinks and Juices

Various pure fruit juices	Squashes
Mineral water	Various fizzy drinks – cans and bottles
Energy drinks	Fruit smoothie

02.1 Alcoholic Beverages (Off Sales)

02.1.1 Spirits

Whisky	Vodka
Brandy	Spirit based drinks

02.1.2 Wine

Bottled white wine	Bottled red wine
Champagne	Fortified wine
Bottled cider	Bottled rose wine

02.1.3 Beer

Canned lager	Canned bitter
Bottled lager	

02.2 Tobacco

Selected brand cigarettes	Vending machine cigarettes
Mentholated cigarettes	Hand rolling tobacco
Cigars	

03.1 Clothing

03.1.2 Garments

Men's Clothing

Suit	Casual coat
Trousers - formal, casual	Casual jacket
Fleece	Jeans
Jumper	Various shirts
Tracksuit bottom	T shirt
Shorts	Replica football team shirt

Underwear	Socks
Branded sports sweatshirt	
Women's Clothing	
Blouse	Skirt
Dress	Trousers
Jeans	T shirt
Top	Shorts
Cardigan	Jacket
Casual coat	Jumper
Rainwear	Swimwear
Underwear	Tights
Nightwear	
Children's Clothing	
Schoolwear – trousers, skirt	Tops – sports and fashion
Jumper / sweatshirt	Jeans
Underwear	Jacket
Pyjamas	Socks
Babygro / sleepsuit	Trousers
03.1.3 Other Clothing and Clothing Accessories	
Man's tie	Knitting wool
Lady's scarf	
03.1.4 Cleaning, Repair and Hire of Clothing	
Dry-cleaning	

03.2 Footwear Including Repairs

Shoes – formal, school, casual and fashion
Boots – formal, fashion and outdoor/adventure
Training shoes – sportswear and casual
Sandals

04.1 Rents

Private furnished rent	Private unfurnished rent
Local authority rent	Registered social landlord (RSL) rent
UK holiday accommodation (self-catered)	

04.3 Regular Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling

04.3.1 Materials for Maintenance and Repair	
Ready mixed filler	Wallpaper
Wallpaper paste	Paint
Varnish	Paintbrush
Taps	Ceramic tiles
Hardboard	Softwood
Shower head	Woodscrews
04.3.2 Services for Maintenance and Repair	
Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators	
Gas service charges	

04.4 Water Supply and Misc. Services for the Dwelling

04.4.1 Water Supply	
Average water charges	
04.4.3 Sewerage Collection	
Average sewerage and environmental charges	

04.5 Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

04.5.1 Electricity	
Average of the electricity companies' tariffs	

- 04.5.2 Gas
 - Average of the gas companies' tariffs Butane gas
- 04.5.3 Liquid Fuels
 - Kerosene
- 04.5.4 Solid Fuels
 - Coal Smokeless fuel

05.1 Furniture, Furnishings and Carpets

- 05.1.1 Furniture and Furnishings
 - Dining room furniture – eg table, chairs
 - Bedroom furniture – eg wardrobe, beds, wall hanging mirror
 - Living room furniture – eg armchair, sofa bed, leather settee, bookcase, table lamp
 - Kitchen furniture – various kitchen units
 - Office furniture – home office desk
 - Outdoor furniture – eg wooden patio set
- 05.1.2 Carpets and Other Floor Coverings
 - Selected carpets Laminate floor covering
 - Rug Hardwood floor covering

05.2 Household Textiles

- Curtains Fabric roller blind
- Duvet Duvet cover
- Bed sheet Towels

05.3 Household Appliances

- 05.3.1/2 All Major Appliances and Small Electrical Appliances
 - Cooker – electric Cooker – gas
 - Fridge / freezer Dishwasher
 - Vacuum cleaner Washing machine
 - Gas Fire
 - Selected small appliances - eg iron, kettle, fan heater, electric fan
- 05.3.3 Repair of Household Appliances
 - Electrical service charges
 - Charge for various electrical equipment repairs - eg washing machine

05.4 Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils

- Kitchen equipment – eg ovenware, pans, scissors, plastic food container
- Tableware – eg crockery set, cutlery set
- Glassware – eg tumbler
- Flower vase

05.5 Tools and Equipment for House and Garden

- Battery Light bulb
- Lawn mower
- Other gardening equipment – eg spade
- Power tools – eg hammer drill Other tools – eg screwdriver
- Door handle Power point
- Aluminium ladder Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner

05.6 Goods and Services for Household Maintenance

- 05.6.1 Non-Durable Household Goods
 - Washing powder Washing-up liquid
 - Dishwasher tablets Aluminium foil
 - Bin liners Household cleaner
 - Fabric conditioner Bleach
 - Kitchen roll
- 05.6.2 Domestic Services and Household Services

Domestic help fees
Gardeners' fees

Window cleaning fees
Nanny fees

06.1 Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment

06.1.1 Pharmaceutical Products

NHS prescription charges

Multi-vitamins tablets

Selected medicines – eg indigestion tablets, aspirin, packets of cold/flu drink powder

06.1.2/3 Other Medical and Therapeutic Products

Condoms

Plasters

Spectacle frames

Prescription lenses

Contact lenses

06.2 Out-Patient Services

06.2.1/3 Medical Services and Paramedical Services

Eye test charges

Non NHS medical services – eg physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine

06.2.2 Dental Services

NHS dental charges

Private dental exam

06.3 Hospital Services

Hospital charges, including private surgery fees

Nursing homes

07.1 Purchase of Vehicles

07.1.1a New Cars

New cars

07.1.1b Second Hand Cars

Second hand cars

07.1.2/3 Motorcycles and Bicycles

New motorcycles

Second-hand motorcycles

Bicycles

07.2 Operation of Personal Transport Equipment

07.2.1 Spare Parts and Accessories

Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blades, battery, tyres

Satellite navigation system

07.2.2 Fuels and Lubricants

Ultra low sulphur petrol

Ultra low sulphur diesel

Motor oil

07.2.3 Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs

Vehicle service

Labour charge for vehicle repairs

Automatic car wash

Roadside recovery services

Exhaust / brake fitting at fast fit auto centre

07.2.4 Other Services

MOT test fees

Car park charges

Driving lesson fees

Driving test fees

Road tolls

Self-drive car and van hire charges

07.3 Transport Services

07.3.1 Passenger Transport by Railway

UK rail fares

London transport fares

Euro Tunnel fares

Other underground/metro fares

07.3.2 Passenger Transport by Road

Bus fares

Minicab fares

Coach fares

Taxi fares

- Charge for home removals
- 07.3.3 Passenger Transport by Air
 - Air fares
- 07.3.4 Passenger Transport by Sea and Inland Waterway
 - Various ferry and sea fares

08.1 Postal Services

Postal charges

08.2/3 Telephone and Telefax Equipment and Services

Telephones	Mobile phone handsets
Fixed line telephone charges – eg line/instrument rentals, call and operator charges	
Mobile phone charges – PAYG and contract	Cost of directory enquiries
Subscription to the Internet	Mobile phone downloads

09.1 Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products

- 09.1.1 Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures

DVD player	Audio systems
DVD recorder	Digital (DAB) radio
Flat panel televisions	Personal MP4 player
Freeview Box	
- 09.1.2 Photographic, Cinematographic and Optical Equipment

Digital cameras	Disposable cameras
Digital camcorders	
- 09.1.3 Data Processing Equipment

PCs – desktop and laptop	PC peripherals
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- 09.1.4 Recording Media

CDs, including CDs purchased over the Internet	
Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the Internet	
Recordable CD	Selected CD-ROMs
Rewritable DVD	Music downloads
Portable digital storage device	Pre-recorded Blu-ray disc
- 09.1.5 Repair of Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products
 - Various electrical equipment repair charges - eg PC

09.2 Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture

- 09.2.1/2 Major Durables for In/Outdoor Recreation including musical instruments

Caravans	Boats
Acoustic guitar	Livery charges
Water sports equipment – eg windsurfing equipment	

09.3 Other Recreational Items, Gardens and Pets

- 09.3.1 Games, Toys and Hobbies
 - Various toys, including some toys purchased over the Internet – eg soft toys, construction toys, activity toys, dolls

Child's swing	Child's tricycle
Computer games consoles	Computer games

 - Board games
- 09.3.2 Equipment for Sport and Open Air Recreation
 - Sports equipment - eg golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots
 - Camping equipment - eg sleeping bag
 - Barbecue (gas)
- 09.3.3 Gardens, Plants and Flowers
 - Selected varieties of plants, bushes, cut flowers, seeds including flowers purchased over the internet
 - Compost

09.3.4/5 Pets, Related Products and Services

Cat and dog food – moist and dry	
Small pet – eg hamster	Animal cage
Vets' fees	Annual booster injection
Dog kennel boarding fees	

09.4 Recreational and Cultural Services

09.4.1 Recreation and Sporting Services

Squash court hire	Slimming clubs
Night-club admission	Private health club / gym membership
Charges for exercise classes	Ten-pin bowling session
Golf green fees	Horseracing admissions
Fees for leisure evening classes	
Admission to football matches, swimming pools, leisure centres and other attractions	

09.4.2 Cultural Services

DVD rental internet subscription	Rental of various types of TV
Cable TV subscriptions	Film processing
Digital TV monthly subscription	Digital photo processing
Music downloads	
Admission to cinemas, theatres, live music, historic monuments and other cultural events	

09.5 Books, Newspapers and Stationery

09.5.1 Books

Adult and children's fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books – including some books purchased over the Internet

09.5.2 Newspapers and Periodicals

National daily newspapers	Sunday newspapers
Provincial newspapers	Adults' periodicals

09.5.3/4 Misc. Printed Matter, Stationery, Drawing Materials

Ball point pen	Envelopes
Wrapping paper	Greeting card
Printer paper	Inkjet cartridge
Clear sticky tape	

09.6 Package Holidays

Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types, including late-booked holidays

Package holidays covering a range of UK destinations, accommodation and holiday types

10.0 Education

Private school fees	Evening Classes
International student fees	UK university tuition fees

11.1 Catering Services

11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes

Restaurants

Restaurant main course	Restaurant sweet course
Restaurant cup of coffee	Pub hot meals
Pub cold snack	Burger in bun – eat in
In store cafeteria meal	Muffin

Take-Aways and Snacks

Fish and chips	Pasty / savoury pie
Burger in bun – takeaway	Kebab
Sandwich	Coffee
Tea	Caffe latte
Ethnic take-away	Pizza delivery / takeaway

Soft drink	Crisps
Cinema popcorn	Vending machine fizzy drink
Beer On Sales	
Draught bitter	Draught lager
Draught stout	Draught cider
Bottled lager	Bottled cider
Wines and Spirits On Sales	
Whisky	Vodka
Wine	Champagne
Liqueurs	Spirit based drink
Mixer	
Soft drinks	
Fizzy drinks	Fruit juice
Bottled mineral water	
Catering	
Cost of catering for a function	On board catering
11.1.2 Canteens	
Staff restaurant main course	Staff restaurant dessert/pudding
Staff restaurant hot snack	Staff restaurant sandwich
Staff restaurant soft drink	
Prices for school meals	

11.2 Accommodation Services

Youth Hostel Association	Halls of residence
Other accommodation services	

12.1 Personal Care

12.1.1 Hairdressing and Personal Grooming Establishments	
Hairdressing fees	Full leg wax
Basic manicure	
12.1.2/3 Appliances and Products for Personal Care	
Hair dryer	Electric razor
Toilet roll	Tissues
Disposable nappies	Toothbrush
Tampons	
Various cosmetics – eg lipstick, face cream, perfume, mascara, liquid foundation	
Toiletries – eg toilet soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream / lotion	

12.3 Personal Effects (not elsewhere classified)

12.3.1 Jewellery, Clocks and Watches	
Watch	Watch battery replacement
Various items of personal jewellery	
12.3.2 Other Personal Effects	
Umbrella	Handbag
Luggage – trolley case	Picture / photo frame
Push chair	

12.4 Social Protection

Residential home fees	In home care assistants' fees
Local authority supported residents in retirement homes	
Child minder fees	Nursery fees
Play-group fees	After school club charges

12.5 Insurance

12.5.2 House Contents Insurance	
Home contents insurance premiums	

12.5.3 Health Insurance

Dental insurance

Pet insurance

Subscriptions to private medical plans

12.5.4 Transport Insurance

Vehicle insurance

Foreign holidays insurance

12.6 Financial Services (not elsewhere classified)

12.6.2 Other Financial Services

Foreign exchange commission

Various bank charges – eg overdraft fees

Unit trust fees and commissions

Stockbrokers' fees

Money transfer fees

Credit card fees

Mortgage arrangement fees

12.7 Other Services (not elsewhere classified)

Charges for advertisements in newspapers - local and national

Solicitors' fees – including will drafting fee

Fee for birth and death certificates

Marriage licences

Passport fees

Cost of basic funeral / cremation

Flower delivery

Home delivery charges

Self-storage fees

Surveyors' fee for house valuation

ANNEX B: RETAIL PRICES INDEX (RPI): REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS IN 2009

Food

Bread	
Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced	
Large wholemeal loaf	Bread rolls
Pitta bread	
Cereal	
Flour	Rice
Pasta	Breakfast cereals
Corn based snacks	
Biscuits and Cakes	
Various selected biscuits	
Sponge cakes	Doughnuts
Pack of individually wrapped cakes	Fruit pies
Crackers	Chocolate wafers
Beef	
Rump steak	Braising steak
Mince	Topside
Frozen beefburgers	
Home-Killed Lamb	
Loin chops	Shoulder
Imported Lamb	
Leg	
Pork	
Loin chops	Shoulder
Bacon	
Gammon	Back
Poultry	
Fresh / chilled chicken	Fresh chicken breasts
Frozen chicken breasts	Fresh turkey steaks
Rotisserie cooked hot whole chicken	
Other Meat	
Pork sausages	Cooked meats – eg ham
Meat pies	Canned meats
Frozen chicken nuggets	Chicken kiev
Fresh Fish	
White fish fillets	Salmon fillets
Frozen prawns	
Processed Fish	
Canned tuna	Fish fingers
Butter	
Home-produced and imported butter	
Oils and Fats	
Margarine / low fat spread	Olive oil
Cheese	
Cheddar - home-produced	Parmesan cheese
Selected speciality cheeses	Other regional cheeses
Cheese spread	
Eggs	
Various sized eggs	
Milk	
Full-fat and semi-skimmed milk - shop-bought and delivered	
Milk Products	
Fresh cream	Pro-biotic drink
Yoghurt	Fromage frais
Chilled pot dessert	
Tea	
Tea bags	

Coffee and Hot Drinks	
Ground coffee	Instant coffee
Soft Drinks	
Various pure fruit juices	Squashes
Lemonade	Cola
Mineral water	Various fizzy drinks – cans and bottles
Energy drinks	Fruit smoothie
Sugar and Preserves	
Sugar	Various jams
Sweets and Chocolates	
Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates, gum and mints	
Unprocessed Potatoes	
White loose and pre-packed potatoes – old and new varieties	
Processed Potatoes	
Crisps - single and multi-packs	
Frozen chips	
Fresh Vegetables	
Fresh tomatoes	Cabbages
Cauliflowers	Carrots
Mushrooms	Onions
Lettuce	Cucumbers
Courgettes	Organic vegetable
Broccoli	Peppers
Processed Vegetables	
Canned tomatoes	Canned baked beans
Canned sweet corn	Frozen peas
Fresh Fruit	
Cooking apples	Dessert apples
Pears	Bananas
Strawberries	Grapes
Oranges	Grapefruit
Avocado pears	Peaches / nectarines
Kiwi fruit	Organic fruit
Small oranges	Plums
Processed Fruit	
Various canned fruits	Salted / roasted peanuts
Other Foods	
Soup	
Various sauces – eg tomato sauce, mayonnaise, pickle	
Ready cooked meals	
Other convenience foods – eg frozen pizza, dehydrated noodles / pasta	
Ice cream	Baby food

Catering

Restaurant Meals	
Restaurant main course	Restaurant sweet course
Restaurant cup of coffee	Pub hot meal
Pub cold snack	Burger in bun
In store cafeteria meal	Fizzy drinks
Fruit juice	Bottled mineral water
On board catering	Muffin
Canteen Meals	
Staff restaurant main course	Staff restaurant dessert / pudding
Staff restaurant hot snack	Staff restaurant sandwich
Staff restaurant soft drink	Prices for school meals
Take-aways and Snacks	
Fish and chips	Pasty / savoury pie
Burger in bun	Kebab
Sandwich	Coffee
Tea	Caffe latte
Ethnic take-away	Pizza delivery / takeaway
Soft drink	Crisps
Cinema popcorn	Vending machine drink

Alcoholic Drink

Beer On Sales	
Draught bitter	Draught Lager
Draught stout	Draught cider
Bottled lager	Bottled cider
Beer Off Sales	
Canned lager	Canned bitter
Bottled cider	Bottled lager
Wines and Spirits On Sales	
Whisky	Vodka
Wine	Champagne
Liqueurs	Spirit based drink
Mixer	
Wines and Spirits Off Sales	
Whisky	Vodka
Brandy	Bottled white wine
Bottled red wine	Champagne
Fortified wine	Bottled rose wine
Spirit based drink	

Tobacco

Cigarettes	
Selected brands	Vending machine cigarettes
Mentholated	
Other Tobacco	
Cigars	Hand rolling tobacco

Housing

Rent	
Private furnished rent	Private unfurnished rent
Local authority rent	Registered Social Landlord (RSL) rent
Mortgage Interest	
Average interest payments (estimated/modelled)	
Depreciation	
Depreciation costs proxy (price index for houses purchased with a mortgage)	
Council Tax	
Average council tax bills for households in Great Britain	
Average rates bills in Northern Ireland	
Water and Other Charges	
Average water charges	
Average sewerage and environmental charges	
Repair and Maintenance Charges	
Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators	
Gas service charges	
DIY Materials	
Ready mixed filler	Wallpaper
Wallpaper paste	Paint
Varnish	Paint brush
Various tools - eg hammer drill, screwdriver	Aluminium ladder
Door handle	Taps
Power point	Shower head
Pieces of timber	Ceramic tiles
Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner	Woodscrews
Dwelling Insurance and Ground Rent	
Dwelling insurance premiums of selected companies	
Ground rent proxy (price index for houses purchased with a mortgage)	

Fuel and Light

Coal and Solid Fuels	
Coal	Smokeless fuel
Electricity	
Average of the electricity companies' tariffs	

Gas
 Average of the gas companies' tariffs
 Oil and Other Fuels
 Butane gas
 Kerosene

Household Goods

Furniture

Dining room furniture – eg table, chairs
 Bedroom furniture – eg wardrobe, beds
 Living room furniture – eg armchair, sofa bed, leather settee, bookcase, table lamp
 Kitchen furniture – various kitchen units
 Office furniture – home office desk
 Outdoor furniture – eg wooden patio set

Furnishings

Selected carpets
 Rug
 Laminate floor covering
 Hardwood floor covering
 Curtains
 Fabric roller blind
 Duvet
 Duvet cover
 Bed sheet
 Towels

Electrical Appliances

Cooker – electric
 Washing machine
 Fridge / freezer
 Dishwasher
 Vacuum cleaner
 Telephone
 Mobile phone handsets
 Selected small appliances – eg iron, kettle, fan heater, fan
 Personal appliances – eg hair dryer, electric razor

Other Household Equipment

Cooker - gas
 Gas fire
 Kitchen equipment - eg ovenware, pans, scissors, plastic food container
 Tableware - eg crockery set, cutlery set
 Glassware - eg tumbler

Household Consumables

Washing powder
 Washing-up liquid
 Dishwasher tablets
 Light bulbs
 Aluminium foil
 Toilet rolls
 Kitchen roll
 Fabric conditioner
 Bin liners
 Household cream cleaner
 Bleach
 Wrapping paper
 Ball point pen
 Greeting card
 Envelopes
 Printer paper
 Inkjet cartridge
 Clear sticky tape
 Batteries

Pet Care

Cat and dog food – moist and dry
 Small pet – eg hamster
 Animal cage
 Vets' fees
 Annual booster injection
 Dog kennel boarding fees

Household Services

Postal Charges

Charges for letters, parcels, postal orders

Telephone Charges

Fixed line telephone charges – eg line/instrument rentals, call and operator charges
 Mobile phone charges – PAYG and contract
 Mobile downloads
 Subscription to the Internet
 Cost of directory enquiries

Domestic Services

Domestic help fees
 In home care assistant fees
 Childminder fees
 Nanny fees
 Playgroup fees
 After school club charges
 Gardeners' fees
 Window cleaning fees
 Dry cleaning charges
 Driving lesson fees
 Home delivery charges
 Charge for home removals
 Self-storage fees
 Electrical service charges

Charge for various electrical equipment repairs - eg washing machine, PC	Watch battery replacement
Cost of catering for a function	
Fees and Subscriptions	
Trade unions and professional organisations subscriptions	
Estate agents' fees	
House conveyancing fees	Surveyors' fee for house valuation
Charge for home buyers' survey	Home contents' insurance premiums
Fee for birth and death certificates	Marriage licences
Passport fees	Various bank fees – eg overdraft charges
Money transfer fees	Foreign exchange commission
Driving test fees	Private school fees
Evening classes	Solicitors' fees – including will drafting
UK university tuition fees	Cost of basic funeral / cremation
Pet insurance	Nursery fees
Mortgage arrangement fees	
Charges for advertisements in newspapers - local, national	

Clothing and Footwear

Men's Outerwear	
Suit	Casual coat
Trousers - formal, casual	Casual jacket
Fleece	Jeans
Jumper	Various shirts
Tracksuit bottom	T shirt
Shorts	Replica football team shirt
Branded sports sweatshirt	
Women's Outwear	
Blouse	Skirt
Dress	Trousers
Jeans	T shirt
Top	Shorts
Cardigan	Jacket
Casual Coat	Jumper
Rainwear	Swimwear
Children's Outerwear	
Schoolwear – trousers, skirt	Tops – sports and fashion
Jeans	Jumper / sweatshirt
Jacket	Babygro / sleepsuit
Trousers	
Other Clothing	
Underwear – eg pants and bra	Socks
Tights	Nightwear – eg nightdress/pyjamas
Tie	Scarf
Knitting wool	
Footwear	
Shoes – formal, school, casual and fashion	
Boots – formal, fashion and outdoor/adventure	
Training shoes – sportswear and casual	
Sandals	

Personal Goods and Services

Personal Articles	
Umbrella	Handbag
Watch	Spectacle frames
Prescription lenses	Contact lenses
Luggage – trolley case	Flower vase
Picture / photo frame	Wall hanging mirror
Various items of personal jewellery	
Chemists' Goods	
NHS prescription charges	Multi-vitamins tablets
Condoms	Tampons
Disposable nappies	Tissues

Selected medicines and surgical goods - eg indigestion tablets, pain killer tablets, packets of cold/flu drink powder, plasters

Toiletries - eg toilet soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream / lotion

Various cosmetics - eg lipstick, face cream, perfume, mascara, liquid foundation

Personal Services

Hairdressing charges	Full leg wax
Basic manicure	Dental charges
Eye test charges	Dental insurance
Subscriptions to private medical plans	Private surgery fees
Non NHS medical services – eg physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine	
Residential and nursing home fees	Slimming club fees
Flower delivery	

Motoring Expenditure

Purchase of Motor Vehicles	
Second-hand cars	Proxy for new cars
New motorcycles	Second-hand motorcycles
Caravans	
Maintenance of Motor Vehicles	
Car service	MOT test fees
Roadside recovery services	Automatic car wash
Exhaust / brake fitting at fast fit auto centre	
Hourly labour charge for car mechanical repairs	
Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blade, battery, tyres	
Petrol and Oil	
Ultra low sulphur petrol	Ultra low sulphur diesel
Motor oil	
Vehicle Tax and Insurance	
Vehicle excise duty	
Selection of premiums charged by a sample of motor insurance companies	

Fares and Other Travel Costs

Rail Fares	
UK rail fares	London Transport fares
EuroTunnel fares	Other underground/metro fares
Bus and Coach Fares	
Fares charged by principal bus and coach operators	
Other Travel Costs	
Taxi fares	Minicab fares
Self-drive car and van hire charges	Various ferry and sea fares
Air fares	Road tolls
Other means of transport - eg bicycles, boats	Car park charges
Push chair	

Leisure Goods

Audio-Visual Equipment	
Flat panel televisions	DVD player
Digital radio	DVD recorder
Personal MP4 player	PCs – desktop and laptop
Audio systems	PC peripherals
Satellite navigation system	Freeview Box
CDs and Tapes	
Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the Internet	
CDs, including CDs purchased over the Internet	
Recordable CD	Selected CD-ROMs
Rewritable DVD	Music downloads
Pre recorded Blu-ray disc	
Toys, Photographic and Sports Goods	
Various toys, including some toys purchased over the Internet – eg soft toys, construction toys, activity toys, dolls	
Board games	Computer games consoles
Computer games	Digital camera

Digital camcorder	Disposable cameras
Film and digital processing	Acoustic guitar
Child's swing	Child's tricycle
Sleeping bag	Barbecue (gas)
Sports equipment – eg golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots	
Water sports equipment – eg windsurfing equipment	
Portable digital storage device	
Books and Newspapers	
Adult and children's fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books – including some books purchased over the Internet	
National daily newspapers	Sunday newspapers
Provincial newspapers	Adults' periodicals
Gardening Products	
Compost	
Selected varieties of plants, bushes, cut flowers, seeds including flowers purchased over the internet	
Garden sundries - eg garden spade	
Lawnmowers	

Leisure Services

TV Licences and Rentals	
Television licence fees	Rental of various types of TV
Digital television monthly subscription fees	Cable TV subscriptions
DVD rental internet subscription	
Entertainment and Recreation	
Squash court hire	Fees for leisure evening classes
Charges for exercise classes	Private health club / gym membership
Ten-pin bowling session	Horse racing admissions
Golf green fees	Livery charges
Admission to cinemas, theatres, live music, football matches, historic monuments, swimming pools, leisure centres, and leisure parks and other attractions	
Foreign Holidays	
Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types, including late-booked holidays	
Holiday insurance	
UK Holidays	
Package holidays covering a range of UK destinations, accommodation and holiday types	