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Date

15 January 2009

Dear Mrs Mackenzie

About your Pension Credit

Important note about health benefits

You have been awarded the Pension Credit guarantee credit. Because you have been awarded the guarantee credit, you are also entitled to some health benefits to cover things like dental treatment. Please see the enclosed leaflet **INF2(PC)** which tells you more about this.

I am writing to tell you that your recent change in circumstances does not affect the amount of Pension Credit we pay you.

This means you will continue to get £19.96 a week.

We have sent you two sheets called **How Pension Credit has been worked out**. One shows your Pension Credit entitlement, and the other shows how your Pension Credit is affected by the yearly change in rates to benefits in April.

From 7 April 2009, your Pension Credit will change to £20.55 a week. This is because there is a change to the money you will have coming in and the amount the law says you will need to live on.

How to get your money

You have asked for your Pension Credit to be paid into an account and we will be paying your Pension Credit into that account.

If you want a further explanation of this decision, please see the final page of this letter. It explains what to do if you disagree with this decision.

About the Assessed Income Period

Your Assessed Income Period continues to be awarded from 6 October 2003 to 23 April 2010.

What you should do if your circumstances change

If your circumstances change, the amount of Pension Credit you get may be affected. **You do not need to report changes to your retirement income which means your savings, investments, pensions, income from annuities or income from equity release schemes,**



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unless you think you may get more Pension Credit. You should read the enclosed leaflet **INF4(PC)**. This will detail the changes you may have to report.

Yours sincerely

Charlie Monaghan
Manager



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How Pension Credit has been worked out

1. Your appropriate amount

This is the minimum amount of money the Government says you must have each week taking account of specific circumstances.

Because you are single	£ 124.05
Which gives you a total appropriate amount of	£ 124.05

2. Your income

Some income is described as 'qualifying income'. This is the amount that counts towards your savings credit because you are over 65. Your qualifying income is shown by 'Q'. 'E' shows the income that we have estimated.

Benefits

State Pension for Gillian Mackenzie	£ 123.44 Q
Total income	£ 123.44
Total qualifying income that counts towards your savings credit	£ 123.44

3. Your guarantee credit

Your appropriate amount of	£ 124.05
Less your total income of	£ 123.44
So your guarantee credit is	£ 0.61

4. Your savings credit

The first £91.20 does not count towards the savings credit. This is the savings credit starting point.

We reward 60p in the pound between £91.20 and your qualifying income of £ 123.44 which is

	£ 19.35
So your savings credit is	£ 19.35

5. Your Pension Credit

Your guarantee credit	£ 0.61
And your savings credit	£ 19.35

Which gives a total amount of	£ 19.96
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Your Pension Credit is	£ 19.96
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We will pay you £19.96 a week from 6 January 2009 to 6 April 2009.



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How Pension Credit has been worked out from April

1. Your appropriate amount

This is the minimum amount of money the Government says you must have each week taking account of specific circumstances.

Because you are single	£ 130.00
Which gives you a total appropriate amount of	£ 130.00

2. Your income

Some income is described as 'qualifying income'. This is the amount that counts towards your savings credit because you are over 65. Your qualifying income is shown by 'Q'. 'E' shows the income that we have estimated.

Benefits	
State Pension for Gillian Mackenzie	£ 129.63 Q
Total income	£ 129.63
Total qualifying income that counts towards your savings credit	£ 129.63

3. Your guarantee credit

Your appropriate amount of	£ 130.00
Less your total income of	£ 129.63
So your guarantee credit is	£ 0.37

4. Your savings credit

The first £96.00 does not count towards the savings credit. This is the savings credit starting point.

We reward 60p in the pound between £96.00 and your qualifying income of £ 129.63 which is	£ 20.18
So your savings credit is	£ 20.18

5. Your Pension Credit

Your guarantee credit	£ 0.37
And your savings credit	£ 20.18

Which gives a total amount of	£ 20.55
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Your Pension Credit is	£ 20.55
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We will pay you £20.55 a week from 7 April 2009.