

Civil Eligibility Keycard 2026

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A new eligibility key card for 2026 is now available.

The Eligibility Keycard has been updated to reflect an increase in dependants' allowances for the civil means test:

- Partner Allowance will increase to £237.25
- Allowance for Child up to 15, or aged 16 and above will increase to £381.86

The dependants' allowances are based on income support rates which have increased by 3.8% from 6 April 2026.

The keycard and updated Means Assessment Guidance – April 2026 (for certificated work) are available on Civil legal aid: means testing - GOV.UK.

Further information

- Civil legal aid: means testing - GOV.UK
- Check if your client qualifies for legal aid

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/civil-eligibility-keycard-2026>