

Consumer Price Inflation: The 2016 Basket of Goods and Services

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Introduction

The 'shopping baskets' of items used in compiling the various measures of consumer price inflation are reviewed each year. Some items are taken out of the baskets and some are brought in to make sure the measures 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 consumer price inflation baskets are chosen. The contents of the baskets for 2016 are summarised in Annexes A and B, and the main changes from the 2015 price collection are discussed below. Similar articles have been published in previous years.

The four measures of consumer price inflation covered in the article are the:

- Consumer Prices Index (CPI) – a measure produced to international standards and in line with European regulations. First published in 1997 as the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), the CPI is the inflation measure used in the Government's target for inflation.
- CPIH – a measure of consumer price inflation that includes owner occupiers' housing costs (OOH). CPIH has recently been assessed against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics and the [assessment report](#) was published on 3 March 2016. The report includes a number of requirements that need to be implemented for CPIH to regain its status as a National Statistic. ONS will report to the UK Statistics Authority by September 2016 on the actions that it has taken to address these requirements.
- Retail Prices Index (RPI) – a long-standing measure of UK inflation that has been used for a wide range of purposes. In accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, the Retail Prices Index and its derivatives were assessed against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics in 2013 and found not to meet the required standard for designation as National Statistics. The [full assessment report](#) can be found on the UK Statistics Authority website.
- RPIJ – an improved variant of the Retail Prices Index calculated using formulae that meet international standards.

This article also summarises one other change relating to the boundaries of locations where prices are collected. This is included in the 'Other Changes' section.

The shopping basket

Consumer price inflation is the rate at which the prices of goods and services bought by households rise or fall. A convenient way of thinking about this is to imagine a very large 'shopping basket' containing those goods and services bought by households. As the prices of the various items in the basket change over time, so does the total cost of the basket. Movements in consumer price inflation indices represent the changing cost of the shopping basket.

In principle, the basket should contain all consumer goods and services purchased by households and the prices measured in every shop or outlet that supplies them. In practice, the consumer price indices 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 180,000 separate price quotations are used every month in compiling the indices, covering around 700 representative consumer goods and services. These prices are collected in around 140 locations across the UK and from the internet and over the phone at ONS.

Within each year, the consumer price indices represent the changing cost of a basket of goods and services of fixed composition, quantity and quality. In practice, this is achieved by:

- keeping the sample of representative goods and services constant.
- 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.
- taking care to ensure that replacements for brands that are no longer stocked in an individual shop are of comparable quality.

In this way, changes in the consumer price indices from month to month reflect only changes in prices, and not ongoing variations in the quality and quantity of items purchased by consumers.

However, the contents of the consumer price inflation basket of goods and services and their associated expenditure weights are updated annually. This is important in helping to avoid potential biases that might otherwise develop over time - for example, due to the development of entirely new goods and services, or the tendency for consumers to move away from buying goods and services which have risen relatively rapidly in price and to goods and services whose prices have fallen. For example, if the price of tea rose dramatically during one year, consumers might switch their spending towards coffee 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 services has broadly risen overall over the last 25 years. This is reflected both in an increasing weight for this component in the consumer price indices, and the addition of new items in the basket to improve measurement of price changes in this area: examples include playgroup and nanny fees.

For the RPI and RPIJ, 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. In other words, price changes between December and January are based on the old basket and weights, and price changes between January and February, and beyond, are based on the new basket and weights. This procedure ensures that the annual changes to the basket and weights do not introduce a discontinuity in prices as measured by the indices. The same basic approach is adopted in the CPI and CPIH although, for technical reasons, it is necessary to chain link the published indices twice each year rather than only once as in the RPI and RPIJ.¹

[Consumer Price Indices – a Brief Guide \(323.2 Kb Pdf\)](#) provides a helpful introduction to the concepts and procedures underpinning the compilation of the consumer price indices. These are described in much greater detail in [Consumer Price Indices – Technical Manual \(674.4 Kb Pdf\)](#).

In reality there are three inflation baskets: for the CPI, CPIH and an identical basket for RPI and RPIJ. The contents of these are very similar although the precise weights attached to the individual items differ.² For example, CPIH includes a measure of owner occupiers’ housing costs that is excluded from CPI. Both the CPI and CPIH baskets contain some items excluded from the RPI basket such as university accommodation fees and unit trust commissions. Similarly, the RPI and RPIJ basket contains some items (eg mortgage interest payments) that are excluded from the CPI and CPIH baskets. The differences between the different inflation measures are discussed in [Users and Uses of Consumer Price Inflation Statistics \(100.5 Kb Pdf\)](#).

Representative items

There are some individual goods and services where typical household spending is so large that they merit inclusion in the baskets in their own right: examples include petrol, and electricity and gas supply. However, it would be both impractical and unnecessary to measure price changes of every item bought by every household in compiling the consumer price indices.

More commonly, a sample of specific goods and services has to be selected that gives 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. The selection of these representative items is judgmental since the significant difficulties involved in defining an adequate sampling frame (that is, a list of all the individual goods and services bought by households) restrict the use of traditional random sampling methods when choosing the representative items.

¹ CPI and CPIH indices are chain-linked first each January, when weights for CPI and CPIH 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.

² CPI and CPIH weights are based on National Accounts estimates of household final consumption consistent with the wider population coverage (that is, all private households, residents of institutional households and foreign visitors to the UK). RPI and RPIJ weights are based primarily on household spending estimates derived from the Living Costs 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.

For each product grouping, a number of items are selected whose price movements, when taken together, provide a good estimate of the overall change in prices for the group. For example, there are around 20 representative items in the CPI ‘furniture and furnishings’ class, from beds to kitchen units, whose prices are used to calculate an overall estimate of price change for all furniture products.

The prices collected for each product group are then combined to produce the overall consumer price indices, with weights proportional to total expenditure on the entire product group. So the weight given to ‘furniture and furnishings’ in the CPI and CPIH shopping baskets, or ‘furniture’ in the RPI and RPIJ basket, reflects average household spending on all furniture products as opposed to spending on the basket items only. Similarly, the weight of garden spades would be derived from all spending on garden tools.

These expenditure weights are updated annually so that the indices reflect current spending patterns. In line with usual practice, CPI and CPIH class weights were updated with effect from the January 2016 index, and RPI and RPIJ section weights will be revised with effect from the February index, at which point the weights for the more detailed item indices will also be revised. Broadly speaking, over the longer term, weights for services have increased while those for goods have decreased. A more detailed article on changes to the published consumer price indices weights for 2016 will be published on the ONS website on 22 March 2016.

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 consumer price inflation statistics are based on the cost of fixed in-year baskets 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 indices depends both on the weight (i.e. 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 few.³ In 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.

Based on this, the allocation of items to broad commodity groups can be analysed, as shown for the 12 divisions of the CPI in Table 1, and the balance used as an anchor for the annual review of the baskets. The significant allocation of items to the food division

³ 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.

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 (eg car purchase and motor fuels, and housing rents respectively). Here, 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.

Table 1: Allocation of items to CPI divisions in 2016

	CPI weight (per cent)	Observed variation in price changes ¹	Representative items ² (per cent of total)
1 Food & non-alcoholic beverages	10.3	Medium	24
2 Alcohol & tobacco	4.2	Medium	4
3 Clothing & footwear	7.1	Medium	11
4 Housing & household services	12.0	Medium	4
5 Furniture & household goods	5.9	Medium	10
6 Health	2.8	Low	3
7 Transport	15.3	Medium	6
8 Communication	3.2	High	2
9 Recreation & culture	14.8	High	17
10 Education	2.5	High	1
11 Restaurants & hotels	12.3	Low	7
12 Miscellaneous goods & services	9.6	Medium	11

¹ Based on an analysis of variation in price changes between the individual items chosen to represent each division in the period 2011-2015.

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 'UK university tuition fees'. This is classified as one item but the index takes into account prices for undergraduate, postgraduate and part-time courses.

The analysis also helps to highlight those areas of the CPI which might benefit most from improved coverage, such as miscellaneous goods and services. 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 type of analysis has motivated some of the additions to the baskets in 2016. Conversely, it also helps to highlight areas where there is scope to remove items from the baskets without any significant loss of precision in the indices. It is important that growth in the overall size of the baskets is limited each year so that production costs and processing times are contained.

Such analysis 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. Consumer price inflation 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 baskets, except where those items are judged to be adequately represented by other items in the baskets.⁴ Conversely, where spending on items falls below the £100 million mark, there should be good reason for their continuing inclusion in the baskets. For example, while spending on acoustic guitars and power drills is relatively low, both are included in the baskets 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 expenditures in determining the contents of the baskets partly reflects the data that are 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, a continuous survey of over 5000 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 inflation baskets.

It is very important to note that the contents of the baskets and, in particular, changes from one year to the next should not be given significance beyond their purpose as representative items used in estimating retail price changes. Changes to the baskets will reflect evolving consumer tastes but only over a long run of years. In any particular year, changes to the baskets 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 and choice of items and the precise weights attached to them become a matter of relatively fine judgement. At this detailed level, it is unlikely that such choices would have any significant impact on the consumer price 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.

It should also be noted that the vast majority of the around 700 representative items remain unchanged in 2016. In total, 15 items have been added to the CPI basket, 14 items have been removed and 13 items have been modified in a total of 703 items. The modifications usually relate to where items are priced and how many quotes are collected.

In summary, selection of representative items is based on a number of factors, including:

- Ease of finding and pricing the product.
- Availability throughout the year.

⁴ Under European 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 the calculation of the 2016 CPI weights, this is approaching £900 million.

- Amount spent on a particular item or the group of items.
- Variability of prices within a class.
- Analysis of balance across the basket.

Changes to the baskets in 2016

Changes to the baskets of goods and services this year are being introduced with the February 2016 consumer price inflation statistics published on 22 March 2016. The baskets will be updated again at the same time next year.

Additions

New additions to the baskets in 2016 and those items removed are set out in Tables 2 and 3, 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 baskets in 2016 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. All of the changes made this year affect all of the consumer price indices.

The bullet points below give a brief summary and explanation of the themes behind the changes to the baskets for 2016:

- A number of new items have been introduced to represent specific markets where consumer spending is significant or growing and existing items in the baskets may not adequately represent price changes for such goods. For example, coffee pods and pouches of microwave rice have been added to represent types of prepared food and drink not already covered. Multipacks of meat based snacks have been introduced to represent the market for buffet-type food.
- As in most years, developments in technology influence the updates and in 2016 computer game downloads have been added reflecting evolving trends towards online services. Downloads are attracting increasing expenditure and their inclusion splits the weight of existing computer games items.
- In addition to introducing items to represent distinct sectors or markets, a number of items have been introduced to diversify the range of products collected for established groupings, usually where spending is significant. For example, cream liqueur has been added to help interpretation of a class where there is a high degree of price volatility due to discounts while nail varnish widens the list of cosmetics included.
- 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:
 - Fruit (1.1.6), with lemons introduced to boost representation of citrus fruit.

- Sugar, jam, syrups, chocolate and confectionery (1.1.8), where a large chocolate bar item splits the weight of a smaller chocolate bar already in the basket, introducing a wider range of confectionery manufacturers.
- Garments (3.1.2), with the addition of women's leggings, a type of casual clothing not currently covered but widely purchased.

In each of these cases, the item has not been added necessarily because spending has increased or because the product is new on the market. It is purely as part of the rebalancing of the basket to improve its representation of overall price change.

- In other cases, the new items are direct replacements for similar products that leave the baskets in 2016. For example, a combined paint item has replaced gloss and coloured emulsion in over covered areas of the baskets. Similarly, a restaurant main course replaces two separate items for a meat or fish main course and a vegetarian course, again with prices moving in similar ways. A boy's T shirt replaces a boy's branded sports top to enable representation of both casual and sportswear clothing.
- It is important that the review of the baskets considers not just the list of items to be priced, but also where the prices are collected. Multipacks of canned fizzy drinks are already included in the baskets but the pack size has been expanded so that they can now be collected from a wider range of retailers, not just from large supermarkets. Electronic cigarettes are another example. They were introduced in the 2015 baskets but prices were collected solely from internet retailers. Collection is being extended into physical shops in 2016.
- Finally, the seasonality of items is also reconsidered. Previously prices for a woman's short sleeved or sleeveless formal top were only collected in summer but collection is now being extended across all months.

Removals

As noted earlier, it is important that growth in the overall size of the baskets is limited each year so that production costs and processing times may be contained. A number of items therefore have been removed from the baskets in 2016 to make space for the new additions. In some cases, this reflects low or decreasing expenditure, such as on nightclub entry, or a market which is being superseded, for example rewriteable DVDs are being overtaken by streaming services and personal video recorders (PVRs). In other cases, removal 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 baskets within the same product grouping. For example, gloss paint and non-white emulsion have been replaced by a combined paint item as the class is over-covered. Similarly, the restaurant main course of meat or fish and the separate vegetarian main course have been combined in a restaurant main course item.
- In some cases a product will still remain represented in the baskets even if there is no longer an explicit item. For example, organic apples and organic carrots have been

removed but the non-organic apple and carrot items have been amended so that in future they will cover both organic and non-organic produce. To some extent these changes reflect relatively low coverage in price collection as organic produce becomes mainstream with less distinction from non-organic products.

- Elsewhere, analysis suggested that there was scope to remove items from certain product groupings without any significant loss of precision in estimates of price changes overall. Within these groupings, those items with relatively low index weights or those items which are variants of others have typically been chosen; examples include prescription lens and power points. In each case, it is judged that price changes for these items remain adequately represented by others that remain in the baskets. Additionally, some items have not been removed but the numbers of price quotes collected each month have been reduced, for example, for items such as meals and drinks in staff restaurants. The removal of items and reduction in quotes collected in these cases represent a rebalancing of the baskets, helping to offset the expansion of coverage in other product areas.
- Finally, collection issues can influence changes to the baskets. This year, a cooked sliced turkey item has been replaced by cooked sliced poultry since turkey was increasingly difficult to find in shops.

Other changes

One other change is being introduced in 2016 concerning the boundaries of locations where prices are collected. New methodology has been developed to redefine these boundaries and improve representation of retail activity in the UK. Around 30 of the 140 locations are refreshed or re-enumerated annually and this year, a live pilot has been introduced incorporating four locations based on the new boundaries. Within the refresh, two of the locations chosen for re-enumeration have had their location boundaries changed and two of the dropped locations have been replaced using two locations from the new sampling pool. In 2017 another six to eight locations will be added to the live pilot. Following a review of the success of the pilot study, ONS proposes to roll out the new sampling pool over a five year period. Changes to the location boundaries will be carefully controlled to avoid overlaps with current locations within the sample. Further background on location boundaries and location selection is included in [Consumer Price Indices – Technical Manual \(674.4 Kb Pdf\)](#).

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Table 2: Additions to the basket in 2016

CPI/CPIH Class	RPI Section	New Item	Notes
1.1.1 Bread and Cereals	2102 Cereals	Microwave rice, pouch/tray	New item. This item has been introduced to represent a type of prepared food not already covered in the basket and reflects longer-term trends towards prepared foods.
1.1.2 Meat	2110 Other Meat	Meat based snack, multi pack	New item. This item has been introduced to represent the market for meat based, buffet-type food not already covered in the basket.
1.1.2 Meat	2110 Other Meat	Cooked sliced turkey/chicken	Replaces cooked sliced turkey whose coverage is falling reflecting its availability in shops. The wider product description including chicken should improve price collection.
1.1.6 Fruit	2127 Fresh Fruit	Lemon	New item. This is an under-covered class and adding lemons boosts representation of citrus fruit. Fruit prices vary greatly so it is beneficial to collect across as broad a range as possible.
1.1.8 Sugar, Jam, Syrups, Chocolate and Confectionery	2122 Sweets and Chocolates	Large chocolate bar	New item. This is an under-covered area. Its inclusion splits the weight of a smaller chocolate bar already in the basket and introduces a product from other confectionery manufacturers.
1.2.1 Coffee, Tea and Cocoa	2130 Coffee and Other Hot Drinks	Coffee pods	New item. It represents a distinct and growing product not previously covered within the class.
2.1.1 Spirits	3104 Wines and Spirits Off Sales	Cream liqueur	New item. This represents a sub-sector not covered in the basket and has been introduced to help interpretation of a class where there is a high degree of price volatility due to discounting.
3.1.2 Garments	5102 Women's Outerwear	Woman's leggings	New item. A type of clothing not currently covered but widely purchased. More broadly, women's clothing is an under-covered area of the basket.
3.1.2 Garments	5103 Children's Outerwear	Boy's T shirt	Replaces boy's branded sports top to enable representation of both casual and sportswear clothing.

4.3.1 Materials for Maintenance and Repair	4106 Do-It-Yourself Materials	Paint, gloss/emulsion	Replaces two separate items - gloss and coloured emulsion in an over-covered class.
9.1.3 Data Processing Equipment	6302 CDs and Tapes	Computer software	Replaces CD Roms in the basket but classified to data processing which is an under-covered area.
9.3.1 Games, Toys and Hobbies	6303 Toys, Photographic & Sports Goods	Computer game downloads	New item. This is an under-covered area of the basket. Downloads are attracting increasing expenditure and their inclusion splits the weight of computer games.
11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes	2201 Restaurant Meals	Restaurant main course	Replaces two separate items - a meat or fish main course and a vegetarian meal – whose prices move in similar ways in an over-covered class.
12.1.2/3 Appliances and Products for Personal Care	5202 Chemists' Goods	Nail varnish	New item. Introduced to cover a cosmetic area attracting significant expenditure.

Table 3: Items removed from the basket in 2016

(Note: 'low weighted' denotes an item with a CPI weight of less than 0.5 parts per thousand in 2016)

CPI/CPIH Class	RPI Section	Dropped Item	Notes
1.1.2 Meat	2110 Other Meat	Cooked sliced turkey	Replaced by cooked sliced turkey/chicken as coverage of the sliced turkey item is falling reflecting its availability in shops.
1.1.6 Fruit	2127 Fresh Fruit	Organic dessert apples	Removed due to relatively low coverage in price collection partly due to organic produce becoming mainstream with less distinction from non-organic products. Organic apples will be included in the dessert apples item in future so that there is still representation in the basket.
1.1.7 Vegetables including Potatoes and Tubers	2125 Fresh Vegetables	Organic carrots	Removed due to relatively low coverage in price collection partly due to organic produce becoming mainstream with less distinction from non-organic products. Organic carrots will be included in the carrots item in future so that there is still representation in the basket.
3.1.2 Garments	5103 Children's Outerwear	Boy's branded sports top	Replaced by a boy's T shirt to enable representation of both casual and sportswear clothing.
4.3.1 Materials for Maintenance and Repair	4106 Do-It-Yourself Materials	Gloss paint	Replaced by a combined paint item as the class is over-covered.
4.3.1 Materials for Maintenance and Repair	4106 Do-It-Yourself Materials	Non-white emulsion	Replaced by a combined paint item as the class is over-covered.
5.5.0 Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	4106 Do-It-Yourself Materials	Power point	Removed from an over-covered area of the basket.
6.1.2/3 Other Medical and Therapeutic Products	5201 Personal Articles	Prescription lens	Removed from an over-covered area of the basket and lens are still represented by spectacle frames with single vision lens.

9.1.4 Recording Media	6302 CDs and Tapes	Rewritable DVD	Removed due to poor coverage. It represented a declining technology which is being superseded by streaming services and personal video recorders (PVR's).
9.1.4 Recording Media	6302 CDs and Tapes	CD Rom	Replaced by computer software since CD Roms are a declining technology with people increasingly downloading software.
9.4.2 Cultural Services	6402 Entertainment and Other Recreation	Nightclub entry	Removed due to collection difficulties and reduced expenditure as the number of nightclubs is declining.
11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes	2201 Restaurant Meals	Pub hot or cold snack	Removed from an over-covered area of the basket. This item was originally a cold roll for a lunchtime snack but developed into another pub meal as it was difficult to price without chips or salad. Pub meals are still covered in the basket.
11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes	2201 Restaurant Meals	Restaurant main course, meat/fish	Replaced by a restaurant main course item covering meat, fish and vegetarian dishes as this class is an over-covered area of the basket and prices of the two separate items tend to move in the same way.
11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes	2201 Restaurant Meals	Restaurant main course, vegetarian	Replaced by a restaurant main course item covering meat, fish and vegetarian dishes as this class is an over-covered area of the basket and prices of the two separate items tend to move in the same way.

ANNEX A: CONSUMER PRICES INDEX (CPI) AND CPIH: REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS IN 2016

01.1 Food

01.1.1 Bread and Cereals

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced	
Large wholemeal loaf	Bread rolls
Garlic bread	Flour
Rice	Pasta
Breakfast cereals	Various selected biscuits
Corn based snacks	Doughnuts
Sponge cakes	Crackers
Pack of individual cakes	Chilled pizza
Fruit pies	Dehydrated noodles/pasta
Chocolate wafers	Cereal bars
Hot oat cereal	

01.1.2 Meat

Beef

Rump steak	Topside
Mince	Frozen burgers

Lamb

Loin chops	Shoulder
Leg	

Pork

Loin chops	Back bacon
Gammon	Oven-ready joint

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	Liver
Continental deli type meat	Meat based snacks

01.1.3 Fish

Fresh white fish fillets	Fresh salmon fillets
Canned tuna	Fish fingers
Frozen prawns	Frozen breaded/battered white fish

01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs

Full-fat and semi-skimmed milk – shop-bought and delivered	
Flavoured milk	Fresh cream
Yoghurt	Fromage frais
Chilled pot dessert	Various sized eggs
Cheddar – home-produced	Edam
Parmesan	Soft continental cheese
Other regional cheeses	Cheese spread
Powdered baby formula	

01.1.5 Oils and Fats

Margarine/low fat spread	Olive oil
Block butter	Spreadable butter

01.1.6 Fruit

Cooking apples	Dessert apples
Pears	Bananas
Strawberries	Grapes
Oranges	Grapefruit
Avocado pears	Peaches/nectarines
Kiwi fruit	Plums
Various canned fruits	Salted/roasted peanuts
Melon	Small oranges
Dried fruit	Pineapple
Blueberries	Fresh fruit snacking pot
Lemon	

01.1.7 Vegetables

Loose and pre-packed potatoes – old, new and baking varieties	
Crisps – single and multi-packs	Peppers
Frozen chips	Fresh tomatoes
Cabbage	Cauliflower
Carrots	Mushrooms
Onions	Lettuce
Cucumbers	Canned baked beans
Canned tomatoes	Broccoli
Courgettes	Sweet potatoes
Canned sweetcorn	Frozen peas
Vegetarian burger/grills	Vegetable pickle
Pre-packed salad	Vegetable stir fry

01.1.8 Sugar, Jam, Syrups, Chocolate and Confectionery

Sugar	Various jams
Honey	Ice cream
Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates, gum and mints	

01.1.9 Food Products (not elsewhere classified)

Soup	Ready cooked meals
Various sauces – eg tomato sauce, mayonnaise	
Protein powder	

01.2 Non - Alcoholic Beverages

01.2.1 Coffee, Tea and Cocoa

Tea bags	Ground coffee
Instant coffee	Coffee pods
Hot chocolate drink	

01.2.2 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks and Juices

Various pure fruit juices	Squashes
Fruit drink	Fruit smoothie
Mineral water	Cola
Lemonade	Various fizzy drinks
Mixer drinks	Energy drinks

02.1 Alcoholic Beverages (Off Sales)

02.1.1 Spirits

Whisky	Vodka
Brandy	Spirit based drinks
Rum	Cream liqueur

02.1.2 Wine

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

02.1.3 Beer

Canned lager	Canned bitter
Bottled lager	Canned stout
Bottled speciality beer/ale	

02.2 Tobacco

Selected brand cigarettes	Hand rolling tobacco
Mentholated cigarettes	Cigars
Electronic cigarette refills/liquid	

03.1 Clothing

03.1.2 Garments

Men's Clothing

Suit	Coat
Trousers – formal, casual	Casual jacket
Jumper	Jeans
Various shirts	T shirt
Tracksuit bottom	Branded sports sweatshirt
Shorts	Replica football team shirt
Underwear	Socks

Women's Clothing

Blouse	Skirt – formal, casual
Dress	Trousers – formal, casual
Jeans	Leggings
Top	T shirt
Cardigan	Jumper
Coat	Jacket – formal, casual
Rainwear	Shorts
Underwear	Swimwear
Nightwear	Tights

Children's Clothing

Schoolwear – trousers, skirt	Fashion top
Jumper/sweatshirt	T shirt
Jeans	Trousers
Underwear	Jacket
Pyjamas	Socks
Babygro/sleepsuit	

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 Men's clothing hire

03.2 Footwear Including Repairs

Shoes – formal, school, casual and fashion

Boots – formal, fashion and walking/hiking boot

Training shoes Sandals

04.1 Actual Rents for Housing

Private furnished and unfurnished rent Local authority rent

Registered social landlord (RSL) rent UK holiday accommodation (self-catered)

04.2 Owner Occupiers' Housing Costs (only in CPIH)

Imputed rent in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

04.3 Regular Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling

04.3.1 Materials for Maintenance and Repair

Ready mixed filler Wallpaper

Varnish Paint - gloss/emulsion

Ceramic tiles Shower head

Medium density fibreboard (MDF) Softwood

Paintbrush

04.3.2 Services for Maintenance and Repair

Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators

04.4 Water Supply and Miscellaneous 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, chest of drawers

Living room furniture – eg armchair, sofa bed, leather settee, bookcase, table lamp

Kitchen furniture – various kitchen units

Office furniture – home office desk

Outdoor furniture – patio set

05.1.2 Carpets and Other Floor Coverings

Selected carpets	Laminate floor covering
Rug	

05.2 Household Textiles

Curtains	Fabric roller blind
Duvet	Duvet cover
Bed sheet	Towels

05.3 Household Appliances, Fitting and Repairs

05.3.1/2 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	Washing machine repair
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05.4 Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils

Kitchen equipment – eg 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
Lawnmower	Other gardening equipment – eg spade
Power tools – eg hammer drill	Other tools – eg screwdriver
Door handle	Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner

05.6 Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance

05.6.1 Non-Durable Household Goods

Washing powder	Washing-up liquid
Dishwasher tablets	Aluminium foil
Bin liners	Household cleaner cream/liquid
Fabric conditioner	Bleach
Kitchen roll	Clear sticky tape
Woodscrews	

05.6.2 Domestic Services and Household Services

Domestic help 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, allergy tablets	

06.1.2/3 Other Medical and Therapeutic Products

Condoms	Plasters
Spectacle frames with lens	Contact lenses

06.2 Out-Patient Services

06.2.1/3 Medical Services and Paramedical Services

Non NHS medical services – eg physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine

06.2.2 Dental Services

NHS dental charges Private dental examination

06.3 Hospital Services

Hospital charges, including private surgery fees

Nursing home fees

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

Motorcycles Bicycles

07.2 Operation of Personal Transport Equipment

07.2.1 Spare Parts and Accessories

Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blade, battery, tyres, bulbs

07.2.2 Fuels and Lubricants

Ultra low sulphur petrol Ultra low sulphur diesel
Motor oil

07.2.3 Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs

Car service Labour charge for vehicle repairs
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
Vehicle excise duty

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

Telephone	Mobile phone handset
Smart phone handset	Mobile phone charges – PAYG and contract
Fixed line telephone charges	Cost of directory enquiries
Subscription to the internet	Mobile phone applications
Bundled communication services	Mobile phone accessory

09.1 Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products

09.1.1 Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures

DVD player	Audio systems
Blu-ray disc player	Digital (DAB) radio
Flat panel televisions	Personal MP4 player
Digital television recorder/receiver	Headphones

09.1.2 Photographic, Cinematographic and Optical Equipment

Digital compact camera	Interchangeable lens digital camera
Digital camcorder	

09.1.3 Data Processing Equipment

PCs – desktop and laptop	PC peripherals
Tablet computer	Computer software

09.1.4 Recording Media

CDs, including CDs purchased over the internet	
Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the internet	
Pre-recorded Blu-ray discs, including discs purchased over the internet	
Recordable CD	Music downloads
Portable digital storage device	

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 - eg soft toys, construction toys, activity toys, dolls, electronic educational toys	
Child's swing	Child's tricycle
Board game	Craft kit
Computer games, including games purchased over the internet	
Computer games console	Computer game downloads

09.3.2 Equipment for Sport and Open Air Recreation

Sports equipment - eg golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots	
Sleeping bag	Barbecue

09.3.3 Gardens, Plants and Flowers

Selected varieties of plants, cut flowers, seeds and including flowers purchased over the internet	
Compost	Plant food
Flower delivery	

09.3.4/5 Pets, Related Products and Services

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

09.4 Recreational and Cultural Services

09.4.1 Recreational and Sporting Services

Fees for leisure evening classes	Private health club/gym membership
Charges for exercise classes	Swimming pool admissions
Ten-pin bowling session	Golf green fees
Football match admissions	Horseracing admissions
Admission to other attractions	Games consoles online subscriptions

09.4.2 Cultural Services

DVD rental/video on demand subscription services	
Digital TV subscriptions	Rental of various types of TV
Television licence	Digital photo processing
Music streaming subscriptions	
Admission to cinemas, theatres, live music, historic monuments and other cultural events	

09.5 Books, Newspapers and Stationery

09.5.1 Books

Adult, teenage and children's fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books	
Reference books	eBooks

09.5.2 Newspapers and Periodicals

National daily newspapers	Sunday newspapers
Provincial newspapers	Periodicals

09.5.3/4 Miscellaneous Printed Matter, Stationery, Drawing Materials

Ball point pen	Envelopes
Wrapping paper	Greeting card
Printer paper	Inkjet cartridge

09.6 Package Holidays

Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types, including late-booked holidays
UK holidays covering a range of accommodation and holiday types but excluding self-catering

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
Burger in bun – eat in	In store cafeteria meal
Muffin	

Take-Aways and Snacks

Fish and chips	Pasty/savoury pie
Burger in bun – take-away	Kebab
Chicken and chips	Tea
Coffee latte	Soft drink
Ethnic take-away	Sandwich
Vending machine fizzy drink	Pizza delivery/take-away
Cinema popcorn	Crisps

Beer On Sales

Draught bitter	Draught lager
Draught stout	Draught/bottled cider
Bottled lager	

Wines and Spirits On Sales

Whisky	Vodka
Wine	Spirit based drink
Liqueurs	Mixer

Soft drinks

Fizzy drinks	Fruit juice
Bottled mineral water	

Catering

Cost of catering for a function	On board catering
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11.1.2 Canteens

Staff restaurant main course	Staff restaurant sandwich
Staff restaurant hot snack	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	Slimming club fees

12.1.2/3 Appliances and Products for Personal Care

Electrical hair straighteners/tongs	Electric razor
Toilet roll	Tissues
Disposable nappies	Toothbrush
Tampons	Baby wipes
Various cosmetics – eg lip gloss, face cream, perfume, mascara, liquid foundation, nail varnish	
Toiletries - eg toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream/lotion, liquid soap, hair conditioner	

12.3 Personal Effects (not elsewhere classified)

12.3.1 Jewellery, Clocks and Watches

Watch	Watch battery replacement
Various items of personal jewellery - eg gold chain, solid gold ring, diamond solitaire ring, sterling silver earrings, fashion earrings, fashion necklace	

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	
Childminder fees	Nursery fees
Playgroup fees	

12.5 Insurance

12.5.2 House Contents Insurance

Home contents insurance premiums	Household services maintenance policy
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12.5.3 Health Insurance

Dental insurance	Pet insurance
Subscriptions to private medical plans	

12.5.4 Transport Insurance

Vehicle insurance	Holiday insurance
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12.6 Financial Services (not elsewhere classified)

12.6.2 Other Financial Services

Mortgage arrangement fees	Various bank charges – eg overdraft fees
Unit trust fees and commissions	Stockbrokers' fees
Money transfer fees	Credit card fees

12.7 Other Services (not elsewhere classified)

Charges for advertisements in newspapers	
Solicitors' fees – including will drafting fee	
Fee for birth and death certificates	Marriage licences
Passport fees	Cost of basic funeral/cremation
Home delivery charges	Self-storage fees
Surveyors' fee for house valuation	Dating agency fees
Trade union and professional organization subscriptions	

ANNEX B: RETAIL PRICES INDEX (RPI) AND RPIJ: REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS IN 2016

Food

Bread

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced	Bread rolls
Large wholemeal loaf	Garlic bread

Cereals

Flour	Rice
Pasta	Breakfast cereals
Corn based snacks	Cereal bars
Hot oat cereal	

Biscuits and Cakes

Various selected biscuits	Doughnuts
Sponge cakes	Pack of individual cakes
Fruit pies	Crackers
Chocolate wafers	

Beef

Rump steak	Topside
Mince	Frozen beefburgers

Home-Killed Lamb

Loin chops	Shoulder
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Imported Lamb

Leg

Pork

Loin chops

Bacon

Gammon	Back
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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
Oven-ready joint	Continental deli type meat
Liver	Meat based snacks

Fresh Fish

White fish fillets	Salmon fillets
Frozen prawns	

Processed Fish

Canned tuna	Fish fingers
Frozen breaded/battered white fish	

Butter

Block butter	Spreadable butter
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Oils and Fats	
Margarine/low fat spread	Olive oil
Cheese	
Cheddar - home-produced	Parmesan
Edam	Soft continental cheese
Other regional cheeses	Cheese spread
Eggs	
Various sized eggs	
Milk	
Full-fat and semi-skimmed milk - shop-bought and delivered	
Flavoured milk	
Milk Products	
Fresh cream	Yoghurt
Chilled pot dessert	Fromage frais
Powdered baby formula	
Tea	
Tea bags	
Coffee and Other Hot Drinks	
Ground coffee	Instant coffee
Coffee pods	Hot chocolate drink
Soft Drinks	
Various pure fruit juices	Squashes
Fruit drink	Fruit smoothie
Mineral water	Cola
Lemonade	Various fizzy drinks
Mixer drinks	Energy drinks
Sugar and Preserves	
Sugar	Various jams
Honey	
Sweets and Chocolates	
Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates, gum and mints	
Unprocessed Potatoes	
Loose and pre-packed potatoes – old, new and baking varieties	
Potato Products	
Crisps - single and multi-packs	
Frozen chips	
Fresh Vegetables	
Fresh tomatoes	Cabbage
Cauliflower	Carrots
Mushrooms	Onions
Lettuce	Cucumbers
Courgettes	Sweet potatoes
Broccoli	Peppers
Pre-packed salad	Vegetable stir fry
Processed Vegetables	
Canned tomatoes	Canned baked beans
Canned sweetcorn	Frozen peas

Fresh Fruit

Cooking apples
Pears
Strawberries
Oranges
Avocado pears
Kiwi fruit
Small oranges
Pineapple
Fresh fruit snacking pot

Dessert apples
Bananas
Grapes
Grapefruit
Peaches/nectarines
Lemon
Plums
Blueberries
Melon

Processed Fruit

Various canned fruits
Dried fruit

Salted/roasted peanuts

Other Foods

Soup
Various sauces – eg tomato sauce, mayonnaise, pickle
Other convenience foods – eg chilled pizzas, dehydrated noodles/pasta
Ice cream

Ready cooked meals
Protein powder

Catering

Restaurant Meals

Restaurant main course
Restaurant cup of coffee
In store cafeteria meal
Fruit juice
Bottled mineral water
Muffin

Restaurant sweet course
Pub hot meal
Burger in bun
Fizzy drinks
On board catering

Canteen Meals

Staff restaurant main course
Staff restaurant hot snack
Prices for school meals

Staff restaurant sandwich
Staff restaurant soft drink

Take-Aways and Snacks

Fish and chips
Burger in bun
Chicken and chips
Tea
Vending machine drink
Ethnic take-away
Cinema popcorn

Pasty/savoury pie
Kebab
Sandwich
Coffee latte
Soft drink
Pizza delivery/take-away
Crisps

Alcoholic Drink

Beer On Sales

Draught bitter
Draught stout
Bottled lager

Draught lager
Draught/bottled cider

Beer Off Sales

Canned lager
Bottled cider
Canned stout

Canned bitter
Bottled lager
Bottled speciality beer/ale

Wines and Spirits On Sales

Whisky
Wine
Liqueurs

Vodka
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	Sparkling wine
Rum	Cream liqueur

Tobacco

Cigarettes	
Selected brands	Mentholated
Electronic cigarette refills/liquids	
Other Tobacco	
Cigars	Hand rolling tobacco

Housing

Rent	
Private furnished and 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	
Repairs and Maintenance Charges	
Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators	
DIY Materials	
Ready mixed filler	Wallpaper
Varnish	Paint - gloss/emulsion
Paint brush	Woodscrews
Power tools - eg hammer drill	Other tools - eg screwdriver
Ceramic tiles	Shower head
Softwood	Medium density fibreboard(MDF)
Door handle	Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner
Dwelling Insurance and Ground Rent	
Dwelling insurance premiums	
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, chest of drawers

Living room furniture – eg armchair, sofa bed, leather settee, bookcase, table lamp

Kitchen furniture – various kitchen units

Office furniture – home office desk

Outdoor furniture – patio set

Furnishings

Selected carpets

Laminate floor covering

Curtains

Duvet cover

Towels

Rug

Fabric roller blind

Duvet

Bed sheet

Electrical Appliances

Cooker – electric

Fridge/freezer

Vacuum cleaner

Mobile phone handset

Selected small appliances – eg iron, kettle, fan heater, electric fan

Personal appliances – eg electric razor, electric hair straighteners/tongs

Washing machine

Dishwasher

Telephone

Smart phone handset

Other Household Equipment

Cooker - gas

Kitchen equipment - eg pans, scissors, plastic food container

Tableware - eg crockery set, cutlery set

Glassware - eg tumbler

Gas fire

Household Consumables

Washing powder

Dishwasher tablets

Aluminium foil

Kitchen roll

Bin liners

Bleach

Ball point pen

Envelopes

Printer paper

Clear sticky tape

Washing-up liquid

Light bulb

Toilet roll

Fabric conditioner

Household cleaner cream/liquid

Battery

Wrapping paper

Greeting card

Inkjet cartridge

Pet Care

Cat and dog food – moist and dry

Small pet – eg hamster

Dog kennel boarding fees

Wild bird seed

Animal cage

Annual booster injection

Household Services

Postal Charges

Charges for letters, parcels, postal orders

Telephone Charges

Fixed line telephone charges

Cost of directory enquiries

Subscription to the internet

Mobile phone charges – PAYG and contract

Mobile phone applications

Bundled communication services

Domestic Services

Domestic help fees	In home care assistants' fees
Childminder fees	Nanny fees
Playgroup fees	Window cleaning fees
Dry-cleaning charges	Driving lesson fees
Home delivery charges	Charge for home removals
Self-storage fees	Electrical service charges
Various electrical equipment repair charges - eg washing machine, PC	Watch battery replacement
Cost of catering for a function	
Men's clothing hire	

Fees and Subscriptions

Trade union and professional organisation 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 charges - eg overdraft fees
Money transfer fees	Driving test fees
Private school fees	UK university tuition fees
Evening classes	Solicitors' fees – including will drafting
Dating agency fees	Cost of basic funeral/cremation
Pet insurance	Nursery fees
Mortgage arrangement fees	Credit card fees
Charges for advertisements in newspapers	Household services maintenance policy

Clothing and Footwear

Men's Outerwear

Suit	Coat
Trousers - formal, casual	Casual jacket
Jumper	Jeans
Various shirts	T shirt
Tracksuit bottom	Branded sports sweatshirt
Shorts	Replica football team shirt

Women's Outerwear

Blouse	Skirt - formal, casual
Dress	Trousers - formal, casual
Jeans	Leggings
Top	T shirt
Cardigan	Jumper
Coat	Jacket - formal, casual
Rainwear	Shorts
Swimwear	

Children's Outerwear

Schoolwear – trousers, skirt	Fashion top
Jumper/sweatshirt	T shirt
Jacket	Babygro/sleepsuit
Trousers	Jeans

Other Clothing

Underwear – eg pants and bra	Socks
Tights	Nightwear – eg nightdress/pyjamas
Man's tie	Lady's scarf
Knitting wool	

Footwear

Shoes – formal, school, casual and fashion
Boots – formal, fashion and walking/hiking boot
Training shoes
Sandals

Personal Goods and Services

Personal Articles

Umbrella
Watch
Contact lenses
Flower vase
Wall hanging mirror
Various items of personal jewellery – eg gold chain, solid gold ring, diamond solitaire ring, sterling silver earrings, fashion earrings, fashion necklace
Handbag
Spectacle frames with lens
Luggage – trolley case
Picture/photo frame
Mobile phone accessory

Chemists' Goods

NHS prescription charges
Condoms
Disposable nappies
Baby wipes
Selected medicines and surgical goods - eg indigestion tablets, aspirin, packets of cold/flu drink powder, plasters, allergy tablets
Toiletries - eg toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, hair conditioner, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream/lotion, liquid soap
Various cosmetics - eg face cream, perfume, mascara, liquid foundation, lip gloss, nail varnish
Multi-vitamins tablets
Tampons
Tissues

Personal Services

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

Motoring Expenditure

Purchase of Motor Vehicles

Second hand cars
Motorcycles
New cars
Caravans

Maintenance of Motor Vehicles

Car service
Roadside recovery services
Exhaust/brake fitting at fast fit auto centre
Labour charge for vehicle repairs
Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blade, battery, tyres, bulbs
MOT test fees
Car wash

Petrol and Oil

Ultra low sulphur petrol
Motor oil
Ultra low sulphur diesel

Vehicle Tax and Insurance

Vehicle excise duty
Vehicle insurance

Fares and Other Travel Costs

Rail Fares

UK rail fares
Euro Tunnel fares
London transport fares
Other underground/metro fares

Bus and Coach Fares

Bus fares
Coach fares

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 (DAB) radio	Audio systems
Personal MP4 player	PCs – desktop and laptop
PC peripherals	Headphones
Blu-ray disc player	Digital television recorder/receiver
Tablet computer	

CDs and Tapes

Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the internet	
CDs, including CDs purchased over the internet	
Pre recorded Blu-ray discs, including discs purchased over the internet	
Recordable CD	Computer software
Music downloads	

Toys, Photographic and Sports Goods

Various toys – eg soft toys, construction toys, activity toys, dolls, electronic educational toys	
Computer games, including games purchased over the internet	
Board game	Computer games console
Digital compact camera	Interchangeable lens digital camera
Digital camcorder	Digital photo processing
Portable digital storage device	Child's swing
Child's tricycle	Acoustic guitar
Barbecue	Sleeping bag
Craft kit	Computer game downloads
Sports equipment – eg golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots	
Water sports equipment – eg windsurfing equipment	

Books and Newspapers

Adult, teenage and children's fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books	
Reference books	Periodicals
National daily newspapers	Sunday newspapers
Provincial newspapers	eBooks

Gardening Products

Compost	Plant food
Lawnmower	Other garden equipment - eg spade
Selected varieties of plants, cut flowers, seeds and including flowers purchased over the internet	

Leisure Services

TV Licences and Rentals

Television licence fees	Rental of various types of TV
Digital TV subscriptions	DVD rental/video on demand subscription services

Entertainment and Other Recreation

Fees for leisure evening classes	Charges for exercise classes
Private health club/gym membership	Livery charges
Ten-pin bowling session	Golf green fees
Games consoles online subscription services	Music streaming subscriptions

Admission to cinemas, theatres, live music, football matches, horse racing, historic monuments, swimming pools 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

Youth Hostel Association

UK holidays covering a range of accommodation and holiday types