

# The RAS Calculation (June 2012)



## The Fundamentals of the RAS Calculation

The responses to questions within the SAQ have a number of points associated with them. These points are adjusted where the person receives unpaid support from friends, family, and others, or requires 2 carers to meet their needs. Further adjustments take account of whether or not the carer can continue to provide support.

The total number of points for all questions combined (after adjustments) corresponds with an indicative weekly allocation, which is found by looking up the final points score on the 'allocation table' on page 5.

## Points Weightings for the Main Questions

The number of points that are awarded for each response are listed below.

<b>Q1. MAKING DECISIONS</b>	
01 - I do not need any support	0.0
02 - I need some support	0.7
03 - I need support most of the time	2.0
04 - I need a high level of support	3.4
05 - I need a very high level of support	4.7

<b>Q2. SUPPORT WITH PERSONAL CARE</b>	
01 - I do not need any support	0.0
02 - I need support 1-3 times a week	1.9
03 - I need support 4-6 times a week	4.8
04 - I need support every day - once a day	6.8
05 - I need support every day - twice a day	11.5
06 - I need support every day - 3 times a day	20.9
07 - I need support every day - 4 times a day	24.6

<b>Q3. SUPPORT WITH PRACTICAL DOMESTIC TASKS</b>	
01 - I do not need any support	0.0
02 - I need occasional support	0.5
03 - I need support on a weekly basis	2.2
04 - I need support twice a week	2.5
05 - I need support every day	4.3

<b>Q4. MEALS &amp; NUTRITION</b>	
<b>Preparing Main Meals</b>	
01 - I do not need any support	0.0
02 - I occasionally need support	0.4
03 - I always need support	2.9
<b>Eating Food &amp; Drinking</b>	
01 - I do not need any support	0.0
02 - I occasionally need support	1.1
03 - I need prompting & encouragement	4.5
04 - I always need support	9.1

The allocation of points for transport needs is directly dependent upon the responses to questions 5 and 6. A further allocation of points is awarded where a person requires transport in a fully accessible vehicle.

<b>Q5. FRIENDS &amp; SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT</b>		<b>Q7. Transport</b>			
		<b>Transport Re-quired</b>	<b>1 Escort Re-quired</b>	<b>2 Escorts Re-quired</b>	<b>Fully Access-ible Transport</b>
01 - I do not need any support	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	+0.0
02 - I need occasional support	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	+0.0
03 - I need support for up to 4 hrs per week	4.1	1.8	2.5	3.1	+1.8
04 - I need support for between 4 and 7 hrs per week	8.1	3.6	4.9	6.3	+3.6
05 - I need support for more than 7 hrs per week	10.9	5.3	7.4	9.4	+5.3

<b>Q6. ACCESS TO WORK, EDUCATION AND LEARNING</b>		<b>Q7. Transport</b>			
		<b>Transport Re-quired</b>	<b>1 Escort Re-quired</b>	<b>2 Escorts Re-quired</b>	<b>Fully Access-ible Transport</b>
01 - I do not need any support	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	+0.0
02 - I need occasional support	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	+0.0
03 - I need support for up to 4 hrs per week	4.1	1.8	2.5	3.1	+1.8
04 - I need support for between 4 and 7 hrs per week	8.1	3.6	4.9	6.3	+3.6
05 - I need support for more than 7 hrs per week	10.9	5.3	7.4	9.4	+5.3

<b>Q8. BEING A PARENT OR FAMILY CARER</b>	
01 - I do not need any support	0.0
02 - I need occasional support	1.1
03 - I need support for up to 4 hrs per week	3.5
04 - I need support for between 4 and 7 hrs per week	6.0
05 - I need support for more than 7 hrs per week	8.6

<b>Q9. STAYING SAFE FROM HARM</b>			
<b>Need for support</b>	<b>Concerns about needs causing a risk to safety</b>		
	<b>No Concerns</b>	<b>Some Concerns</b>	<b>Significant Concerns</b>
01 - I do not need any support	0.0	0.0	0.0
02 - I need support 1-2 times a week	0.0	1.6	2.2
03 - I need support 3-4 times a week	0.0	2.2	3.2
04 - I need support 5 or more times a week	0.0	3.2	4.3

## 2:1 Support Needs

Where a person requires 2:1 support in order for some or all of their needs to be met, then inevitably this support will cost more, and an increase in allocation is required. The additional amount that is allocated depends on the question. For questions 5, 6 & 9 the points are increased on a percentage basis as follows:

Where the customer requires 2:1 support, then the basic points allocated for that question are increased by:	100%
Where the customer <b>sometimes</b> requires 2:1 support, then the basic points allocated for that question are increased by:	25%
Where the customer <b>does not</b> require 2:1 support, then the basic points allocated for that question are not adjusted.	0%

For question 2 the points are increased on a percentage basis as follows:

Where the customer requires 2:1 support, then the basic points allocated for that question are increased by:	100%
Where the customer <b>sometimes</b> requires 2:1 support, then the basic points allocated for that question are increased by:	14%
Where the customer <b>does not</b> require 2:1 support, then the basic points allocated for that question are not adjusted.	0%

## Support Provided By Others

The Council provides support where needs cannot be met by existing support networks (e.g. unpaid friends and family carers). Therefore, where a customer receives some or all support from a friend or family carer, then the points allocated are reduced on a percentage basis. The reductions are made as follows:

Where the customer gets <b>enough</b> of the support that they need from friends and family carers, then the points are reduced by:	100%
Where the customer gets <b>most</b> of the support that they need from friends and family carers, then the points are reduced by:	65%
Where the customer gets <b>some</b> of the support that they need from friends and family carers, then the points are reduced by:	35%
Where the customer gets <b>none</b> of the support that they need from friends and family carers, then the points are not reduced at all.	0%

## Limits to the Points Allocations

There are some limits to the number of points that the RAS allocates, and these are detailed below:

Q5. Social Involvement and Q6. Work, Education & Learning	
The maximum allocated for the 2 questions combined, where a person does not require 2:1 support for either question (or sometimes requires 2:1 support) is:	15 points
The maximum allocated for the 2 questions combined, where a person requires 2:1 support for either question is:	29.9 points

Q7. Transport	
The maximum allocated for a person who just requires transport (without an escort)	7.1 points
The maximum allocated for a person who requires transport (including an escort) is:	9.8 points
The maximum allocated for a person who requires transport (including 2 escorts) is:	12.6 points
The maximum additional number of points allocated for a person who needs fully accessible transport is:	7.1 points

## Impact on Carers

Where the main carer is unable to continue to provide the current level of support, account is taken of this by returning a percentage of the points that were deducted under the section 'Support Provided By Others', above. The percentage of points added back is as follows:

Where the carer <b>can continue to provide the current support</b> , then the percentage of lost points that are returned is:	0%
Where the carer <b>struggles at times, but is happy to continue</b> providing the current level of support, then the percentage of lost points that are returned is:	0%
Where the carer is <b>unable to continue providing some of the support</b> that they currently provide, then the percentage of lost points that are returned is:	20%
Where the carer is <b>unable to continue providing most of the support</b> that they currently provide, then the percentage of lost points that are returned is:	60%
Where the carer can only <b>continue providing a minimal</b> level of support, then the percentage of lost points that are returned is:	80%
Where the carer is <b>unable to provide any future support</b> , then the percentage of lost points that are returned is:	100%

## Allocation Table

The total number of points for all questions combined (after all of the adjustments outlined above) corresponds with an indicative weekly allocation, which is found by looking up the final points score on the 'allocation table' below.

Number of Points	Weekly RAS Allocation
0	£0
1 to 3 points	£0 to £10
4 to 5 points	£10 to £20
6 to 7 points	£20 to £30
8 to 9 points	£30 to £40
10 to 11 points	£40 to £50
12 to 14 points	£50 to £60
15 to 17 points	£60 to £75
18 to 20 points	£75 to £90
21 to 23 points	£90 to £105
24 to 27 points	£105 to £120
28 to 30 points	£120 to £135
31 to 33 points	£135 to £150
34 to 37 points	£150 to £170
38 to 41 points	£170 to £190
42 to 45 points	£190 to £210
46 to 49 points	£210 to £230
50 to 53 points	£230 to £250
54 to 57 points	£250 to £275
58 to 61 points	£275 to £300
62 to 65 points	£300 to £325
66 to 69 points	£325 to £350
70 to 72 points	£350 to £375
73 to 76 points	£375 to £400
77 to 79 points	£400 to £425
80 to 82 points	£425 to £450
83 to 85 points	£450 to £475
86 to 89 points	£475 to £500
90 points or more	£500