

Comparison of MP allowances with those of other professionals needing to stay away from home for work purposes

This table provides an 'at-a-glance' comparison between the allowances available to members of Parliament with those available to people needing to work away from home for or on behalf of some other West Country organisations

Organisation	Allowances for meals, when staying away from home overnight	Allowances for meals, when <i>not</i> staying away from home overnight	Travel
BBC Bristol / BBC Somerset	<p>Can claim up to £28 per day, comprising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast £6 • Lunch £6 • Dinner £16 <p><i>(In some circumstances higher claims can be permissible, for example when staying in a hotel as long as the claim is 'reasonable')</i></p>	<p>Claim on production of receipt, with some conditions (e.g. if working more than 5 miles from usual workplace, for more than 5 hours)</p>	<p>Up to 10,000 miles per year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car up to 40p / mile (25p thereafter) • Motor bike up to 24p / mile • Bicycle 20p / mile
Avon Fire Authority	<p>Can claim an overall subsistence rate of:</p> <p>London £87.12 per day Elsewhere £75.31 per day</p>	<p>Can claim up to £25.85 per day, comprising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast £5.57 • Lunch £7.70 • Tea £3.04 • Evening meal £9.54 <p>The cost of meals taken on trains is reimbursable in full</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car up to 40p / mile • Motor bike up to 24p / mile • Bicycle 20p / mile
Avon and Somerset Police Authority	<p>Can claim up to £33.35 per day</p>	<p>Can claim</p> <p>£5.74 (for up to 4 hours) £ 11.48 (for 4 – 12 hours) £ 22.96 (for 12 - 24 hours)</p>	<p>Up to 8,500 miles per year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motor vehicle up to 58.7p / mile (15.8p thereafter) • Bicycle 20p / mile

Bath & North East Somerset Councillors	Claims have no specified maximum limit. Allows anything ‘reasonable’ and receipted as long as the work involves being away from home for more than four hours and outside of council boundaries	Claims have no specified maximum limit. Allows anything ‘reasonable’ and receipted as long as the work involves being away from home for more than four hours and outside of council boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car up to 47.7p / mile • Motor bike up to 16.5p / mile • Bicycle 40p / mile
Members of Parliament	A flat-rate sum of £25 per day can be claimed where this includes and requires an overnight stay.	No meal claims are permitted. Meals can only be claimed for days that require and include an overnight stay	Up to 10,000 miles per year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car 40p / mile (25p thereafter) • Motor bike 24p / mile • Bicycle 20p / mile

Note: The figures as shown above have been taken from the Allowances / Expenses policies of the organisations as published by the organisations themselves