

Exceptions to non-dependant deductions

A deduction will not be made against your housing benefit and/or council tax support for a non-dependant if you or your partner is:

- registered blind;
- in receipt of severe disablement allowance;
- in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (care component) / daily living component of Personal Independence Payment or Attendance Allowance;

Or if the non-dependant is:

- aged under 18 years;
- aged under 25 years and in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance (IB); Income Support; in the 'assessment phase' of income related Employment and Support Allowance or on Universal credit (without earnings);
- on a youth training scheme;
- a full time student;
- normally living elsewhere.



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Housing benefit and council tax support

Non-dependant deductions

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What is a non-dependant person?

- Someone, usually 18 years old or over who normally lives with the person claiming housing benefit and/or council tax support, such as an adult son, daughter, relative or friend.
- Any adult who is not liable to pay rent or council tax at the property.

It is not a boarder, sub-tenant or joint tenant.

A non-dependant will often be:

- a grown up son/daughter;
- a parent/grandparent;
- a friend.



Does the money paid by a non-dependant person, for their keep, count as an income for me if I am claiming housing benefit and/or council tax support?

No. This money is not treated as your income.

Instead, a fixed deduction is made from your entitlement to housing benefit and/or council tax support, depending on the non-dependants circumstances and gross weekly income. This is because we consider it reasonable to expect a non-dependant person to make a contribution towards household expenses.

Council tax support weekly non-dependant deductions

Gross income per week	council tax support
Less than £207.70	£4.00
Between £207.70 and £360.10	£8.10
Between £360.10 and £447.40	£10.20
£447.40 or more	£12.20
Aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work	£4.00
Aged under 25 and on IS, JSA (IB) or ESA (IR) which does not include support or work-related activity component	nil

Housing benefit weekly non-dependant deductions

Gross income per week	housing benefit
Less than £143.00	£15.60
Between £143.00 and £208.99	£35.85
Between £209.00 and £271.99	£49.20
Between £272.00 and £362.99	£80.55
Between £363.00 and £450.99	£91.70
£451.00 or more	£100.65
Aged 25 or over on IS, JSA (IB) or aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work	£15.60
Aged under 25 and on IS, JSA (IB) or ESA (IR) which does not include support or work-related activity component or UC where the award is calculated on the basis of no earned income In receipt of pension credit	Nil