

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 £217.00	£4.05
Between £217.00 and £377.00	£8.25
Between £377.00 and £469.00	£10.35
£469.00 or more	£12.40
Aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work	£4.05
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 £149.00	£15.85
Between £149.00 and £216.99	£36.45
Between £217.00 and £282.99	£50.05
Between £283.00 and £376.99	£81.90
Between £377.00 and £468.99	£93.25
£469.00 or more	£102.35
Aged 25 or over on IS, JSA (IB) or aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work or in receipt of main phase ESA (IR) (any age)	£15.85
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