

HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION INFORMATION SHEET

Weekly Income

This is your total weekly income that will be used to work out your entitlement.

Income Disregards

The regulations allow us to ignore certain income when working out your entitlement.

Applicable Amount

The applicable amount represents the needs of you and your family.

Eligible Rent

Your Housing Benefit is based on the rent that you are charged less any ineligible service charges and benefit cap applied.

If you live in a private rented property your rent may be restricted to the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rate or by a decision from the Valuation Office.

Calderdale's LHA weekly rates from April 2018 are:

Shared	£64.64
One bedroom	£80.55
Two bedrooms	£97.81
Three bedrooms	£115.07
Four bedrooms	£149.59

If you rent your property from a Registered Social Landlord your rent may be restricted if you have any spare bedrooms in your property. Your weekly rent will be reduced by;

- 14% if you have one spare bedroom or
- 25% if you have 2 or more

Other people who live with you (Non-dependants)

An amount may be deducted from your entitlement if you have other adults living with you as part of your household. The amount of the deduction depends on their total gross weekly income.

Only one deduction will be made for any non-dependants that are a couple using their combined income.

No deduction will be made if you or your partner receives any rate of Disability Living Allowance Care component, Personal Independence Daily Living Payment or Attendance Allowance.

Non Dependant Deductions for Housing Benefit

Category	Age and Income of non-dependant	Deduction
Aged 18 or over and working 16+ hrs p/w including Universal Credit customers		
1	Gross weekly income of £439.00 or more	£98.30
2	Gross weekly income of £354.00 to £438.99	£89.55
3	Gross weekly income of £265.00 to £353.99	£78.65
4	Gross weekly income of £204.00 to £264.99	£48.05
5	Gross weekly income of £139.00 to £203.99	£35.00
6	Aged 18-24, receiving Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance (IB) or Employment and Support Allowance (IR) Assessment Phase or Universal Credit (and not working)	£0.00
7	Aged 25 or over, receiving Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance (IB) or aged 18 or over, receiving Employment and Support Allowance (IR) Main Phase or Universal Credit (and not working)	£15.25
8	Aged 18 or over, with income other than in categories 1-7. Includes Universal Credit when also working less than 16 hours per week	£15.25
9	Aged 16-17 or attending a Youth Training Scheme	£0.00
10	A boarder / A full time student (during term time)	£0.00
11	Aged State Pension age or over, in receipt of Pension Credit	£0.00
12	Aged State Pension age or over, in receipt of Pension Credit and working	£0.00
13	Claimant or Partner is over 65, non-dependant deduction not applicable for the first 26 weeks	£0.00

Non Dependant Deductions for Council Tax Reduction

Category	Age and Income of non-dependant	Reduction
Aged 18 or over and working 16+ hrs p/w including Universal Credit customers		
1	Gross weekly income of £436.90 or more	£11.90
2	Gross weekly income of £351.65 to £436.89	£9.95
3	Gross weekly income of £265.00 to £351.64	£7.90
4	Gross weekly income of £202.85 to £264.99	£7.90
5	Gross weekly income of £139.00 to £202.84	£3.90
6	Aged 18-24, receiving Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance (IB) or Employment and Support Allowance (IR) Assessment Phase or Universal Credit (and not working)	£0.00
7	Aged 25 or over, receiving Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance (IB) or aged 18 or over, receiving Employment and Support Allowance (IR) Main Phase or Universal Credit (and not working)	£0.00
8	Aged 18 or over, with income other than in categories 1-7. Includes Universal Credit when also working less than 16 hours per week	£3.90
9	Aged 16-17 or attending a Youth Training Scheme	£0.00
10	A boarder / A full time student (during term time)	£0.00
11	Aged State Pension age or over, in receipt of Pension Credit	£0.00
12	Aged State Pension age or over, in receipt of Pension Credit and working	£0.00
13	Claimant or Partner is over 65, non-dependant deduction not applicable for the first 26 weeks	£0.00

If you want to know more about a decision or if you think it is wrong?

You have one month from the date of your letter to get in touch to ask for:

- An explanation
- The decision to be looked at again
- Appeal the decision

DON'T DELAY - TELL US TODAY

YOU MUST TELL THE WELFARE AND BENEFITS SERVICE STRAIGHT AWAY IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES. REPORT A CHANGE ONLINE

<http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/advice>

Failing to do so could lead to you losing money, a fine or even a criminal record.

Here are some examples of changes you must tell us about:

- If you change your address
- If you or your partner's income changes
- If the amount of your, or your partner's savings or investments change
- If you or your partner stop getting Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance or Pension Credit
- If you or your partner remain in hospital for over 52 weeks
- If anyone in your household has a change in their income
- If your rent changes
- If your landlord changes
- If you stop receiving child benefit for a young person in further education
- If your child care costs change
- If anyone moves in or out

For details on how to contact us please visit: <http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/council/council-departments/local-offices>

Fraud - If you suspect someone is making a fraudulent claim please ring the numbers below

Council Tax Discounts

Fraud Hotline
01422 393566

Housing Benefit

National Benefits Fraud Hotline
0800 854440