

Not enough money to pay your Council Tax ? On a low income? You may be entitled to claim **Council Tax Benefit** if the answer is “Yes!”

Use the chart over the page to find out if you might be entitled to help with paying your Council Tax bill.

- The left hand column shows the different types of household.
- The row along the top shows different Bands of council tax and the approximate annual charge relating to the Band.
- The amount shown where the two meet is the highest weekly income you can have and still be entitled to Council Tax Benefit. For example, if you are a single working person aged over 25 and your council tax is in Band A-1, the maximum income you can have to be entitled to Council Tax Benefit is £153.

Government regulations regarding Council Tax Benefit may change. **These figures should be treated only as a guide.**

If you think you may have an entitlement to benefit you should submit a claim immediately. **Figures relate to the year starting April 2010**

Type of Household	Council Tax Band								
	Band A-1	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£857	£1,029	£1,200	£1,372	£1,543	£1,886	£2,229	£2,572	£3,087
Single working person aged over 25	£153	£169	£186	£202	£219	£252	£285	£318	£367
Couple over 18, one working	£195	£212	£228	£245	£261	£294	£327	£360	£410
Couple over 18, one working and one child under 16	£270	£287	£303	£320	£336	£369	£402	£435	£485
Couple over 18, one working, two children both under 16	£328	£344	£361	£377	£394	£427	£460	£493	£542
Single person of pension age, aged 60- 64	£215	£232	£248	£265	£281	£314	£347	£380	£429
Single pensioner 65 or over	£236	£252	£269	£285	£302	£334	£367	£400	£450
Couple both of pension age, aged 60-64	£285	£301	£318	£334	£351	£384	£417	£450	£499
Pensioner couple, one member aged 65 or over	£312	£328	£345	£361	£378	£411	£444	£477	£526
Lone Parent working, one child under 16	£248	£264	£281	£297	£314	£347	£380	£413	£462
Lone Parent working and two children under 16	£305	£322	£338	£355	£371	£404	£437	£470	£520

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About your income

This is the total income for you and your partner.

If you receive Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance (Income Based), Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) or Pension Guarantee Credit, you may be entitled to full Council Tax Benefit.

If you work more than 30 hours per week and have either a dependant child or a disability, or if you are receiving incapacity benefits and are doing “permitted work”, you may be able to earn more than the amounts shown over this page and still qualify. We can also make a deduction from the income that we use in our assessment, for some fees paid to registered childminders.

If you have any savings, investments or capital, income is assumed as follows:-

- If you have reached the qualifying age for state pension, £1 notional income is assumed for every **£500** over a starting point of £10,000;
- For other customers, £1 notional income is assumed for every **£250** over a starting point of £6,000.

If you have capital, savings or investment totalling above **£16,000** you will not be entitled to Council Tax Benefit unless you are also getting Pension Credit Guarantee.

Some income is not taken into account such as war pensions, maintenance received for children, child benefit and some disability benefits, and you can be entitled on higher income levels if you are a carer, or are disabled or on long term sick. Please check with the Benefits Service if your income is just above the examples in the table.

About your council tax

You might also be entitled to a discount on your council tax if you live alone or because of your personal circumstances. If you receive a discount this will be shown on your bill. Any amount of Council Tax Benefit would be worked out on the amount of Council Tax after the discount had been taken off.

If you have another adult living with you aged 18 or over, who is not your partner, and who is not paying you rent, this is likely to reduce the amount of benefit you might be entitled to.

Visit our Website

For more details about Housing / Council Tax Benefit and how to claim it, you can visit our website at www.harrogate.gov.uk/benefits. You can also enter your own details into our easy on-line calculator for a more accurate guide about whether you are likely to be entitled.

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