

If you can answer ‘**Yes**’ to the following questions,  
you may be entitled to **Housing Benefit**.

- Not enough money to pay your rent?
- Are you on a low income?
- Have capital less than £16,000?

**Use the chart below to find out if you might be entitled to Housing Benefit.**

- The left hand column shows the different types of household.
- The row along the top shows different amounts of rent.
- The amount shown where the two meet is the highest weekly income you can have and still be entitled to Housing Benefit. For example, if you are a single person aged over 25, working and you pay £80 per week rent, the maximum income you can have is £193.00.

Government regulations regarding Housing Benefit may change. **These figures should be treated as a guide only.** 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	The rent you pay each week						
	£40	£60	£80	£100	£120	£140	£160
Single working person aged over 25	£131	£162	£193	£224	£254	£285	£316
Couple over 18, one working	£174	£204	£235	£266	£297	£327	£358
Couple over 18, one working and one child under 16	£248	£279	£310	£341	£372	£402	£433
Couple over 18, one working and two children both under 16	£306	£337	£368	£398	£429	£460	£491
Single person of pension age, aged 60 to 64	£193	£224	£255	£286	£316	£347	£378
Single pensioner 65 or over	£214	£245	£275	£306	£337	£368	£399
Couple both of pension age, aged 60 – 64	£263	£294	£325	£355	£386	£417	£448
Pensioner couple, one member aged 65 or over	£290	£321	£352	£383	£413	£444	£475
Lone Parent working and one child under 16	£226	£257	£288	£319	£349	£380	£411
Lone Parent, working and two children under 16.	£284	£315	£345	£376	£407	£438	£468

**Please see over this page for further information.**

## 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 Housing 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 above and still qualify. We can also make a deduction from the income that we use in the assessment of your benefit for some childcare costs that are 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, so please check with the Benefits Service if your income is just above the examples in the table.

## About your Rent

Housing Benefit does not cover any services that might be included in your rent such as water charges, gas or electricity charges.

If you pay rent to a private landlord, we will ask the Rent Officer to decide on the amount of rent we will use to work out your Housing Benefit or we will apply the appropriate Local Housing Allowance rate to your claim. This amount may be less than the amount you pay.

If you have another adult living with you aged 18 or over, not your partner, who is not paying you rent, then a “non-dependant” deduction will be made from your rent before we work out your entitlement. You will need to make the relevant deduction from your rent before checking it against the table overleaf. For each other adult, the following deductions apply:

<b>Circumstances</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Deduction</b>
In work and gross income	Up to £120. 00	£ 7.40
	£120.00 to £177.99	£17.00
	£178.00 to £230.99	£23.35
	£231.00 to £305.99	£38.20
	£306.00 to £381.99	£43.50
	£382.00 and over	£47.75
Not in paid work		£7.40

## 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](http://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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