



What is a Non –Dependant

Non-Dependants are other people over 18 who live with you, but are not dependant on you financially. Non-dependants could be grown up children for whom Child Benefit is no longer payable, elderly relatives, other family members etc.

The following are not considered non dependants:

- Joint or sub tenants
- Boarder or lodgers
- Carer's who are employed by a charity that charge for the service
- Visitors whose home is usually elsewhere

For each non dependant who lives with you a deduction is made from your entitlement to Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Support. The amount that is deducted depends on their income (if they are earning their gross income is used, before any Tax and National Insurance deductions).

Is a deduction made for every non dependant who lives with me?

No, some non-dependants do not attract a deduction from your Housing Benefit.

If your non-dependant falls into one of the following categories then no deduction applies:

- In receipt of Pension Credit
- Under 18 years old
- a full time student, but if they work during the summer vacation a deduction will apply.
- a prisoner
- has been in hospital for 52 week or more
- Under 25 years old and in receipt of Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance.
- In receipt of the assessment phase of Employment Support Allowance (ESA)
- Is a youth trainee.

Also **your circumstances** may mean we do not take a deduction.

There is no deduction at all If you or your partner:

- Are registered blind
- Receive the care component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Receive Attendance Allowance
- Receive the daily living component of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

If you or your partner are aged 65 or more a deduction is delayed for 26 weeks following a non dependant joining your household. Or in cases where an existing non dependant's circumstances change to increase the deduction the increase is delayed for 26 weeks.

I have my son and daughter in law living with me, will two deductions be taken from my Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support?

No, in cases where there are non dependant couples only one deduction applies. The deduction is based on their combined circumstances and income.

Housing Benefit Non Dependant deductions for 2019/2020

Non-dependant income	Deduction per week £
Aged under 25 and on Income Support (IS) or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income related Employment Support Allowance (assessment phase)	Nil
In receipt of Pension Credit or on Universal Credit and NOT working	Nil
In receipt of main phase income-related Employment and Support Allowance	£15.60
Aged 25 or over and on Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income related Employment Support Allowance (assessment phase) or aged 18 or over and not working or working less than 16 hours each week	£15.60
Aged 18 or over and working an average of 16 hours each week or on Universal Credit with earnings (the income from Universal Credit and earnings will be combined):	
- gross income less than £143.00 per week	£15.60
- gross income between £143.00 and £208.99	£35.85
- gross income between £209.00 and £271.99	£49.20
- gross income between £272.00 and £362.99	£80.55
- gross income between £363.00 and £450.99	£91.70
- gross income £451.00 or more	£100.65

Council Tax Support Non Dependant deductions for 2019/20

Non-dependant income	Deduction per week £
On Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance or Income Related Employment Support Allowance	Nil
In receipt of Pension Credit or on Universal Credit and NOT working	Nil
Not working or working less than 16 hours per week	£4.00
Aged 18 or over and working an average of 16 hours each week or on Universal Credit with earnings (the income from Universal Credit and earnings will be combined):	
- Gross Income £207.69 or less	£4.00
- Gross Income £207.70 - £360.10	£8.10
- Gross Income £360.11 - £447.10	£10.20
- Gross Income more than £447.10	£12.20