Non-dependant deductions for Working Age Customers

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Why non-dependants are important in Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit

The law says that we must take a set amount off your Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit for each non-dependant who lives with you. There are six different amounts, depending on the income of the non-dependant person.

Non-dependants are expected to pay towards the household costs, and some of what they pay will be for the rent or Council Tax. A deduction is made from your Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit because of this, even if the non-dependant doesn’t pay you.

When we do not deduct amounts for non-dependants

We don’t make deductions if you or your partner are:
• registered blind or treated as blind
• getting the care component of Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance.

Who non-dependants are

Non-dependants are adults who normally share your accommodation with you but who are not dependent on you for financial support. Examples of non-dependants could be:
• grown up children who still live with you
• other adult relatives who live with you
• adult friends who live with you.

People not treated as non-dependants because they are not counted as part of your household include:
• children you are responsible for
• carers employed by a charity that charges for the service
• joint tenants
• sub-tenants, or tenants of people who own their house
• boarders
• landlords and their families.
We don’t make deductions if the non-dependant person in your household:
• is under 18
• has a normal home somewhere else
• is a full-time student. For Housing Benefit, but not Council Tax Benefit, we may make deductions during the summer vacation
• is a prisoner
• has been a patient in hospital for 52 weeks or more
• for Council Tax Benefit only, is on Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers’ Allowance
• for Housing Benefit only, is under 25 and on Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers’ Allowance.

Changes to non-dependants if the claimant or partner is 65 or over
If the claimant or partner is 65 or over and Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit goes up as a result of a change in the non-dependant deduction, we must implement the increase straight away. However, if the claimant or partner is aged 65 or over and Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit goes down as a result of a change in the non-dependant deduction, we must allow 26 weeks before we amend the amount.

Non-dependant deductions
The amounts deducted are in the chart overleaf. Because Council tenants pay rent over 50 weeks of the year, the non-dependant deductions are slightly higher. These are in the second column. These rates apply from 1st April 2013 but may be subject to change.

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<th>Non-dependant person’s income</th>
<th>Housing Benefit deduction for 52 Week tenancies</th>
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<th>Local Council Tax Support Deduction</th>
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<td>In work with gross income of £401.00 or more a week</td>
<td>£87.75</td>
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<td>In work with gross income more than but not less than £322.00 a week</td>
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<td>In work with gross income more than but not less than £242.00 a week</td>
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<td>In work with gross income more than but not less than £186.00 a week</td>
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<td>In work with income of less than £126.00 a week</td>
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<td>In receipt of state Pension Credit</td>
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<td>In receipt of main phase ESA (IR) or age 25 or over and in receipt of Income Support or JSA (IR)</td>
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