

## Council tax benefit

Deductions for non-dependants	
Receiving Income Support, income-based JSA or Pension Credit	no deduction
Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work and:	
Gross weekly income less than £178.00	£2.30
Gross weekly income from £178.00 to £305.99	£4.60
Gross weekly income from £306.00 to £381.99	£5.80
Gross weekly income £382.00 and over	£6.95
Others aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work	£2.30

## Do you need help with this leaflet?

Maybe English is not your first language, you have difficulty reading it because the print is too small, or you are not sure what it means.

Please phone  
**01395 517446.**

## Contact us



### Phone:

Our Benefits and Council Tax Helpline  
**01395 517446** between 8.30am and 5.00pm



### Visit us at:

- **The Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth**  
daily between 8.30am and 5.00pm
- **Exmouth Town Hall**  
daily except Wednesday from 9.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.30pm
- **One of our regular surgeries**  
in Axminster, Seaton or Honiton  
(phone **01395 517446** for dates and times)



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# Non-Dependant Deductions

## Housing and Council Tax Benefit



## What is a 'non-dependant' deduction?

If you get housing or council tax benefit, and share you home with other friends, relatives or anyone over 18 years of age, you may get less benefit.

These people are 'non-dependants' and we may take an amount out of your benefit for each non-dependant who lives in your home.

The amount we take off depends on how much income the non-dependant has and whether or not they are working.

If you are aged 65 or over, and a non-dependant moves in, we will not make a non-dependant deduction for the first 26 weeks after they move in.

## Who does not count as a non-dependant?

Non-dependants do not include:

- your partner
- a child you get Child Benefit for
- anyone under 18 years of age
- anyone in full-time education
- anyone on a youth training scheme

## Do you always make a reduction for non-dependants?

No, we will not take any money out of your benefit for non-dependants if:

- you or your partner get Attendance Allowance
- you or your partner get the care part of Disability Living Allowance
- you or your partner are registered blind
- the non-dependant is a paid carer provided by a charitable or voluntary organisation
- the non-dependant is under 25, and on Income Support or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.

## Why do you make a reduction for non-dependants?

Non-dependants are expected to pay you something towards your housing costs. For benefit purposes, the amount they are regarded as contributing is a set amount based on their gross weekly income. If you do not give us details of this income when you claim benefit, we are obliged to make the highest deduction.

In some cases you may be entitled to a Second Adult Rebate. Please contact us as shown on the back of this leaflet and we will give you more information about whether you may qualify for Second Adult Rebate.

## How much are the deductions?

The non-dependant deduction rates for 2009-2010 for council tax and housing benefit are as follows:

### Housing benefit

Deductions for non-dependants	
Aged 25 or over and receiving Income Support, income-based JSA; or Aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work	£7.40
Aged up to 25 and receiving Income Support/ Income-based JSA	no deduction
Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work and:	
Gross weekly income less than £120.00	£7.40
Gross weekly income from £120.00 to £177.99	£17.00
Gross weekly income from £178.00 to £230.99	£23.35
Gross weekly income £231.00 to £305.99	£38.20
Gross weekly income £306.00 to £381.99	£43.50
Gross weekly income £382.00 and above	£47.75
In receipt of Pension Credit	no deduction