

Second Adult Rebate

Housing and Council Tax Benefit



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)



Write to us:

Housing Benefits
East Devon District Council
Knowle, Sidmouth EX10 8HL



Email us:

benefits@eastdevon.gov.uk

Visit our website:

www.eastdevon.gov.uk

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.

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01395 517446.

What is it?

Second Adult Rebate can reduce your council tax if you do not have a partner but you do not qualify for the 25% single person discount because you share your home with one adult (or more) who cannot help pay towards the charge.

It is not based on the money you have but on the money other people who live with you have.

Can I get it?

You cannot claim Second Adult Rebate if you are married or have a partner. We use partner to mean a person you are married to or a person you live with as if you are married to them.

If the person, or people, who share your home are:

- aged 18 or over
- not paying you rent
- not paying council tax themselves
- on a low income

you can claim Second Adult Rebate.

What else should I know?

You may be able to get Second Adult Rebate even if you do not normally get council tax benefit.

If you already get council tax benefit you do not need to claim Second Adult Rebate.

Second Adult Rebate is based on the other person's (or other people's) circumstances not yours.

We can give Second Adult Rebate for more than one second adult in the property. We will combine their gross incomes to work out how much discount you can get.

Your income and savings will not affect Second Adult Rebate.

If you are entitled to council tax benefit and Second Adult Rebate, we will work out and award you whichever one gives you the most money.

How much will I get?

The most Second Adult Rebate we can pay is 25% of the council tax bill (unless the householder is a full time student when it may be 100%).

You can check what the current Second Adult Rebate rates are on the benefit section of our website www.eastdevon.gov.uk or you can phone our Revenues and Benefits Helpline on **01395 517446**.

Special rules apply to students. Please contact us if you are a full-time student and want to claim Second Adult Rebate.

How do I apply for Second Adult Rebate?

You need to apply using the same form as for making a Housing Benefit claim. You can ask us for a form by phone or come to the Revenues and Benefits Help Desk at our office in Sidmouth or at Exmouth Town Hall. You can also get a form at one of our surgeries. You will find contact details on the back page.

If you are only claiming Second Adult Rebate you do not have to fill in the whole of the form. Just tick the box shown and simply fill in the sections specified on the form.

There is also a Housing Benefit claim form on our website www.eastdevon.gov.uk. You can print it off or just view it to see what it looks like, and which sections you need to fill in, before you apply.

If you have any further queries about Second Adult Rebate, please contact us as shown on the back page.

What happens if my circumstances change?

You must let us know straightaway. If you are not sure whether the change will affect your rebate or not, let us know anyway so we can check that you are still entitled to it.