

How people in your household affect your benefit

From April 2009

Non-Dependants

You may be getting less Housing Benefit because of people living with you, people like –

Children who have left school/Elderly relatives/Friends/Lodgers/Relations

These people may affect your Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit.

This leaflet lists the adjustments we make.

People who live with you other than your partner or dependent children are called 'non-dependants'. Depending on their income, the law says that they may have to help with your housing costs and we must make deductions from your benefit. No deductions are made, however, if you or your partner are registered as blind or you get Attendance Allowance or the care element of Disability Living Allowance..

Who is a non-dependant?

A non-dependant is anyone who normally lives with you who is 18 years of age or more.

This does not include:

- Children you get Child Benefit for.
- A professional carer who is looking after you or your partner.
- Students in term-time
- Commercial Lodgers or sub-tenants. There are different rules for these

Table of deductions

Non-dependant over 18 years of age and working full-time. Full time means working 16 hours per week or more:

Gross weekly income	Housing Benefit	Council Tax benefit
Under £120.00	£7.40	£2.30
£120.00 - £177.99	£17.00	£2.30
£178.00 - £230.99	£23.25	£4.60
£231.00 - £305.99	£38.20	£4.60
£306.00 - £381.99	£43.50	£5.80
£382 or more	£47.75	£6.95

If they have a partner we base the deduction on their joint income, ignoring any Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance.

Non-dependant over 18 years of age and not in full-time work.

Status	Housing Benefit	Council Tax benefit
Not in full-time work	£7.40	£2.30
Under 25 on Income Support or Income-based Job-seeker's Allowance	Nil	Nil
Aged over 25 on Income Support or Income-based Job-seeker's Allowance	£7.40	Nil
In hospital for more than 6 weeks	Nil	Nil
Student	Nil	Nil
Getting Pension Credit	Nil	Nil

A non-dependant has moved into or has left my home since you worked out my benefit

Name of person who has left _____

Date of birth _____

Date non-dependant left _____

New address _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Remember:

If you fail to provide evidence of your non-dependant's income then the highest deduction will be made.

Important

Don't forget to let us know about any changes as soon as possible. You must also tell us if anyone new comes to stay with you.

Where to get advice

South Norfolk Council is open for enquiries Monday to Friday.

Monday – Wednesday

8.45 am to 5.00 pm

Thursday

8.45 am to 9.30 am Limited service
9.30 am to 5.00

Friday

8.45 am to 4.15 pm

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