

Changes to Non Dependant Deductions from April 2011

Housing/Council Tax Benefit - Increased Non Dependant Deductions

The Government have announced that from April 2011, all Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit customers **including Council tenants, tenants of Housing Associations, tenants of Private Landlords and Owner Occupiers** may get less Housing/Council Tax Benefit if there are adults aged over 18 living in the household that nobody receives Child Benefit for. This is the first rise in these charges since 2001. Further increases in these deductions will be made in April 2012 and April 2013.

Below you will find a list of the new non dependant charges that will be applicable from 1 April 2011.

Please note HB deductions for Council Tenancies will differ slightly due to the rent free weeks.

To prevent your rental payments falling behind, check with your landlord how much you are due to pay on either a weekly, 4 weekly or monthly basis.

Non-Dependant Deductions 2011/2012			
Where a benefit claimant or their partner are in receipt of:- Disability Living Allowance [Care Component] Attendance Allowance or is registered blind, No deductions apply to Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit. Deductions relate to the age and circumstances of the non-dependant. Only one deduction is made for a non-dependant couple – this being the highest that would otherwise have applied.			
HOUSING BENEFIT (relate to age and circumstances of non-dependant)			
April 2010	£	April 2011	£
Under 18 years old	NIL	Under 18 years old	NIL
Full-time Students (except during summer vacation if in remunerative work - then as below*)	NIL	Full-time Students (except during summer vacation if in remunerative work - then as below*)	NIL
In receipt of pension credit (guarantee credit and/or savings credit - whether working or not)	NIL	In receipt of pension credit (guarantee credit and/or savings credit - whether working or not)	NIL
Aged 18 or over but under 25 and receiving IS, or JSA(IB)	NIL	Aged 18 or over but under 25 and receiving IS, or JSA(IB)	NIL
Aged 25 or over and receiving Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance (Income -based)	7.40	Aged 25 or over and receiving Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance (Income -based)	9.40

In receipt of main-phase income-related Employment and Support Allowance	7.40	In receipt of main-phase income-related Employment and Support Allowance	9.40
Aged 18 or over not receiving IS, or JSA(IB) or Pension Credit, and <u>not</u> in remunerative work and not f/t student	7.40	Aged 18 or over not receiving IS, or JSA(IB) or Pension Credit, and <u>not</u> in remunerative work and not f/t student	9.40
Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work with:		Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work with:	
- a gross income £382 or more*	47.75	- a gross income £387 or more*	60.60
- a gross income £306.00 to £381.99*	43.50	- a gross income £310.00 to £386.99*	55.20
- a gross income £231.00 to £305.99*	38.20	- a gross income £234.00 to £309.99*	48.45
- a gross income £178.00 to £230.99*	23.35	- a gross income £180.00 to £233.99*	29.60
- a gross income £120.00 to £177.99*	17.00	- a gross income £122.00 to £179.99*	21.55
- a gross income less than £120.00*	7.40	- a gross income less than £122.00*	9.40

(remunerative work = 16 hours a week or more)

COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT (relate to age and circumstances of non-dependant)

April 2010	£	April 2011	£
Under 18 years old	NIL	Under 18 years old	NIL
Full-time Students (even during summer vacations)	NIL	Full-time Students (even during summer vacations)	NIL
Aged 18 or over and receiving Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance (Income -based) or income-related Employment and Support Allowance;	NIL	Aged 18 or over and receiving Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance (Income -based) or income-related Employment and Support Allowance;	NIL
In receipt of Pension Credit (whether or not in remunerative work)	NIL	In receipt of Pension Credit (whether or not in remunerative work)	NIL
Aged 18 or over and <u>not</u> receiving IS or JSA(IB) or Pension Credit but not in remunerative work and not f/t student;	2.30	Aged 18 or over and <u>not</u> receiving IS or JSA(IB) or Pension Credit but not in remunerative work and not f/t student;	2.85
Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work:		Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work:	

- gross income £382.00 or more	6.95	- gross income £387.00 or more	8.60
- gross income £306.00 - £381.99	5.80	- gross income £310.00 - £386.99	7.20
- gross income £178.00 - £305.99	4.60	- gross income £180.00 - £309.99	5.70
- gross income less than £178	2.30	- gross income less than £180	2.85
(remunerative work = 16 hours a week or more)			