

Q What is Council Tax benefit?

A It is a Council run scheme to give money off your Council Tax bill.

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Q Who can claim?

A Anyone who gets a bill for Council Tax.

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Q What if I am employed?

A It does not matter if you work or not. We will assess your total income against set allowances and make awards where possible. Check your possible entitlement on the chart overleaf.

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Q Do savings count?

A If your savings, including those of a partner exceed £16,000 you will not be eligible, unless you get Pension Guarantee Credit. Savings under £6,000 are ignored. Those between £6,000 and £16,000 will affect your entitlement.

Q I have a partner - who claims?

A Either of you can claim - giving details applicable to both.

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Q I get Income Support/Jobseekers Allowance/Pension Credit. Do I still need to claim?

A If you get any of these benefits but are not getting Council Tax Benefit yet, The Department of Work and Pensions should send you a form - return it to them immediately so they can notify us of your entitlement.

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Q I do not receive Housing Benefit, Rent Allowance or Income Support - How do I claim Council Tax Benefit?

A You must complete an application form which you can get from the Civic Centre (Benefits Reception) or any Local Housing Office.

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For Further information contact The Civic Centre (Benefits Division) on Phone number 551166.

COUNCIL TAX ^{2008/2009} BENEFIT

Don't **MISS OUT**
Get yours **NOW**

This leaflet explains and illustrates Benefit entitlements which could mean money off your bill

Wolverhampton
City Council



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COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT INCOME LIMITS
BELOW WHICH YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR MONEY OFF YOUR BILL
FROM APRIL 2008

PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES	BAND A		BAND B		BAND C	
	**WEEKLY INCOME		**WEEKLY INCOME		**WEEKLY INCOME	
	NOT WORKING	WORKING	NOT WORKING	WORKING	NOT WORKING	WORKING
Single Person (living alone) (Discount 25% see notes*)						
Aged 18-24	114.68	119.68	125.89	130.89	137.25	142.25
25-59	128.23	133.23	139.44	144.44	150.80	155.80
60-65	191.78	196.78	202.99	207.99	214.35	219.35
65+	211.53	-	222.74	-	234.10	-
Single Parent (No other Adult) with 1 child under 16*** (Discount 25% see notes*)	197.57	222.57	208.78	233.78	220.14	245.14
Couple No Children (No Discount)						
Aged under 60	185.25	195.25	200.20	210.20	215.35	225.35
60-65	279.65	289.65	294.60	304.60	309.75	319.75
over 65	305.80	-	320.75	-	335.90	-
Couple No Children (1 person disabled) (No Discount)						
Aged under 60	222.10	232.10	237.05	247.05	252.20	262.20
Couple (Under 60) With 2 Children Under 16 (No Discount)	307.18	317.18	322.13	332.13	337.28	347.28

***NOTE 1**

BAND A £941.52 **(£706.14 with 25% single person discount)** per annum
 BAND B £1098.44 **(£823.83 with 25% single person discount)** per annum
 BAND C £1255.36 **(£941.52 with 25% single person discount)** per annum

NOTE 2 The discount is awarded when the property is **treated** as having one resident.

****NOTE 3** Net weekly income after Tax, National Insurance and 50% of any contributions towards a private pension/superannuation scheme. Most other benefits are taken into account as income.

*****NOTE 4** Assumes claim made after 6/4/98.

The figures above are only intended as a guide. If your income is slightly above the figure quoted it is still worth applying.

IF YOU ARE DISABLED OR HAVE CHILDREN AGED 15 OR UNDER LOOKED AFTER BY A REGISTERED CHILDMINDER/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR EXTRA HELP. PLEASE ASK FOR ADVICE FROM BENEFITS STAFF WHO ARE AVAILABLE VIA LOCAL HOUSING OFFICES.