

Q What is Council Tax benefit?

A It is part of the Government's Benefit Scheme and means you could reduce 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 Guaranteed Credit. Savings under £6,000 are ignored. Those between £6,000 and £16,000 will affect your entitlement.

Q I have a partner, does it matter who claims?

A Either of you can claim.

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

A If you have just applied for 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 us on Phone number 01902 551166. Alternatively you can do your own trial calculation on our web page at www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/housing/paying/benefit/benefit_calculator

COUNCIL TAX *2009/2010* BENEFIT

*Don't MISS OUT
Get yours NOW*

*This leaflet explains
and illustrates Benefit
entitlements which
could reduce your
bill*

Wolverhampton
City Council



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COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT INCOME LIMITS FROM APRIL 2009
IF YOUR INCOME IS BELOW THESE AMOUNTS YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR MONEY TOWARDS YOUR BILL

PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES	BAND A		BAND B		BAND C		BAND D		BAND E	
	WEEKLY INCOME		WEEKLY INCOME		WEEKLY INCOME		WEEKLY INCOME		WEEKLY INCOME	
	NOT WORKING	WORKING	NOT WORKING	WORKING	NOT WORKING	WORKING	NOT WORKING	WORKING	NOT WORKING	WORKING
Single person (25% discount) aged:										
18-24	£121.00	£126.00	£132.65	£137.65	£144.35	£149.35	£156.00	£161.00	£179.35	£184.35
25-59	£134.35	£139.35	£146.00	£151.00	£157.70	£162.70	£169.35	£174.35	£192.70	£197.70
60-64	£200.05	£205.05	£211.70	£216.70	£223.40	£228.40	£235.05	£240.05	£258.40	£263.40
65+	£220.45	.....	£232.10	.....	£243.80	.....	£255.45	.....	£278.80	.....
Single parent with one child under 16 (25% discount)	£207.76	£232.76	£219.41	£244.41	£231.11	£256.11	£242.76	£267.76	£266.11	£291.11
Couple (no children)										
Aged under 18-59	£194.35	£204.35	£209.90	£219.90	£225.50	£235.50	£241.05	£251.05	£272.20	£282.20
60-64	£291.85	£301.85	£307.40	£317.40	£323.00	£333.00	£338.55	£348.55	£369.70	£379.70
65 +	£318.90	.....	£334.45	.....	£350.05	.....	£365.60	.....	£396.75	.....
Couple (no children)										
1 person disabled Aged 18-59	£233.50	£243.50	£249.05	£259.05	£264.65	£274.65	£280.20	£290.20	£311.35	£321.35
Couple 18-59 with 2 children under 16	£323.87	£333.87	£339.42	£349.42	£355.02	£365.02	£370.57	£380.57	£401.72	£411.72

Please note: We use 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 however Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance are ignored. With effect from 2nd November 2009 Child Benefit will also be ignored.

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 live in a band F, G or H property then please contact us on 01902 551166 for advice.**

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 15 OR UNDER AND PAY TO HAVE THEM LOOKED AFTER BY A REGISTERED CHILDMINDER/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB, YOU MAY STILL QUALIFY. PLEASE ASK FOR ADVICE FROM BENEFITS STAFF AT CIVIC CENTRE, WEDNESFIELD AND BILSTON HOUSING OFFICES OR CALL US ON 01902 551166.