

DEDUCTIONS WE WILL MAKE FROM YOUR HOUSING BENEFIT FOR NON-DEPENDANTS WHO LIVE WITH YOU:

If the non-dependant is aged under 18	£0
If the non-dependant is aged under 25 and receives Income Support or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or income-related Employment and Support Allowance which does not include the support or work related activity component or Universal Credit without any earned income	£0
If the non-dependant is aged 25 or over and receives Income Support or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or main phase of income-related Employment and Support Allowance	£15.85
If the non-dependant receives Pension Credit	£0

NON-DEPENDANT DEDUCTIONS FROM HOUSING BENEFIT:

Aged 18 and over and;

Gross Income under £149 or not in remunerative work	£15.85
Gross Income £149 - £216.99	£36.45
Gross Income £217 - £282.99	£50.05
Gross Income £283 - £376.99	£81.90
Gross Income £377 - £468.99	£93.25
Gross Income £469 and above	£102.35

NON-DEPENDANT DEDUCTIONS FROM COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT:

Aged under 18	£0
In receipt of Pension Credit, Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance (income-based) or Employment and Support Allowance (income related), Universal Credit without any earned income	£0
Aged 18 or over and;	
Gross income under £217, or not in remunerative work	£4.05
Gross income £217 - £376.99	£8.25
Gross income £377 - £468.99	£10.35
Gross income £469 or more	£12.40

DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS (DHPs)

Can be paid in addition to Housing Benefit. If your benefit has been reduced because of a non-dependant deduction you can ask for additional help.

You can apply online on your local council's website.

WHO TO CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding non-dependant deductions, please contact your local Benefits Service.

Telephone: **0345 034 4569**

Email: svpp@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Postal address: **Stour Valley & Poole Partnership, PO Box 722, Poole, BH15 2YE**

YOU MAY GET INDEPENDENT ADVICE FROM THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU;

To speak to an assessor at Dorset Adviceline please phone **0344 245 1291**, this line is open Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm.

NON-DEPENDANT DEDUCTIONS

Council Tax Support and Housing Benefit Information

WHO IS A NON-DEPENDANT?

If you are claiming Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support, we will treat an adult who lives with you who is not your partner as a 'non-dependant'.

A non-dependant is generally someone aged 18 or over who is not dependent on you financially, for example, an adult son or daughter, an elderly relative or a friend.

WHO IS NOT A NON-DEPENDANT?

We do not count the following people as non-dependants:

- Your partner
- A dependent member of your family, for example a son or daughter aged 0 to 17
- An adult son or daughter aged 18 or 19 who is in further education
- A lodger or boarder
- A tenant or sub-tenant
- A joint occupier, for example, a joint owner or joint tenant
- A professional carer

WHAT IS A NON-DEPENDANT DEDUCTION?

If you are claiming Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support, we will need to know if you have non-dependants living in your household.

If you have non-dependants living in your household, we may reduce your Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support by a certain amount for each non-dependant. This is called a non-dependant deduction.

WHY DO YOU MAKE DEDUCTIONS FOR NON-DEPENDANTS?

We make deductions for non-dependants because we expect that they would normally contribute towards your household expenses, including rent and council tax. So, because we must assume that you are receiving money from them for rent and council tax, we award you less benefit.

You may want to take the amount of the deduction into consideration when you decide how much each non-dependant should contribute towards your household expenses.

COUPLES

If two non-dependants living in your household are married to each other, live together as a married couple, are civil partners, or live together as civil partners, we will only make one deduction for them. The deduction will be based on their circumstances and combined income.

IF YOU SHARE YOUR HOME WITH A JOINT TENANT OR JOINT OWNER

If you share your home with a joint tenant or joint owner and a non-dependant lives with both of you, we will normally make a smaller deduction than usual for the non-dependant.

WHEN DO YOU NOT MAKE A NON-DEPENDANT DEDUCTION?

We **do not** make deductions for non-dependants if the person claiming benefit or their partner is:

- registered blind; or
- receives Attendance Allowance or the care part of Disability Living Allowance or daily living component of Personal Independence Payment.

We **do not** make deductions from Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support if the non-dependant:

- is aged under 18 and has left full-time education;
- gets a youth training allowance;
- does not usually live with the person responsible for paying council tax;
- has been in hospital for 52 weeks or more;
- is a prisoner; or
- receives Pension Credit.

We **do not** make a deduction from Housing Benefit if the non-dependant:

- is aged under 25 and gets Income Support or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance (income related) which does not include an amount for the support component or work-related activity component, Universal Credit without any earned income; or
- is a student. (*We will only make a deduction in the student's summer break if they work 16 hours or more per week.*)

We **do not** make a deduction from Council Tax Support if the non-dependant living with you:

- receives Income Support or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance (income related), Universal Credit without any earned income;
- is a student; or
- is disregarded for council tax purposes (*we will tell you if this is the case*).

HOW MUCH IS DEDUCTED FROM MY BENEFIT?

The level of deductions that applies depends on the circumstances of the non-dependants living in your household and the amount of income that they have.

If the non-dependant:

- does not work;
- does work but receives less than £217 a week (*if you are claiming Council Tax Support*); or
- does work but receives less than £149 per week gross income (*if you are claiming Housing Benefit*); we will deduct £4.05 from your Council Tax Support and £15.85 from your Housing Benefit each week.

If you or your partner is aged 65 or over and a non-dependant moves into your household, or the income of a non-dependant who already lives with you increases, we may decide to delay the effect to the non-dependent deduction for 26 weeks.

REMUNERATIVE WORK

Remunerative work is a legal phrase which means paid work of 16 hours or more a week.

We will make larger deductions for non-dependants who are in paid work and who have a higher income.

By 'income' we normally mean all of your non-dependant's income before tax, National Insurance, etc.

We do not count the following as income:

- Attendance Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance
- Payments from Government sponsored Trust Funds
- Personal Independence Payment.