



## Benefits Service

# Second Adult Rebate

## Alternative Maximum Council Tax Benefit

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### What Is Second Adult Rebate?

It is a form of Council Tax Benefit and is another way of reducing your Council Tax bill (by up to 25% of what you have to pay).

### Who can get Second Adult Rebate?

Usually, you can get Second Adult Rebate where you are the only person liable for the Council Tax on your property and you have a non-dependant or 'second adult' living with you who is on a low income. When we say 'second adult' we mean someone like a grown up son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter or a close friend of your family.

You can also get Second Adult Rebate if you have more than one 'second adult' in your home provided all their incomes added together are still low.

### Should I claim Second Adult Rebate?

You should claim Second Adult Rebate if you can answer 'YES' to each of the following statements:

- At least one second adult occupies my home and they are not a disregarded person (see 'Who is a disregarded person?' below).
- I do not have a partner living with me or if I do, they are a disregarded person.
- I do not receive any rent from a lodger, tenant or subtenant who lives in my home.
- I am the only person liable for the Council Tax on my home who is not a disregarded person.

### Who is a disregarded person?

The following people are disregarded persons:

- Under 18's and anyone aged 18 if their parent or guardian receives Child Benefit for them.
- School leavers and students at school or college who are under 20.
- Full-time students, foreign language students and student nurses.
- Youth Training trainees under 25.

- Apprentices on NCVQ courses.
- Severely Mentally Impaired People.
- Carers.
- Prisoners.
- Diplomats and members of international bodies and visiting forces.
- Members of religious communities.

### How much Second Adult Rebate could I get?

We will work out the gross income of your second adult. If you have more than one second adult living with you, we will add together all their gross incomes. We will ignore the income of any second adult on Income Support or income-based Jobseekers Allowance.

If any second adult has a partner, we will add the partner's income to the second adult's income.

If you claim main Council Tax Benefit, we will work out any entitlement to Second Adult Rebate at the same time. If you qualify for both, we will pay you whichever one is highest. The table on the following page shows how much Second Adult Rebate you can get depending on the income of your second adult(s).

### Percentage of eligible Council Tax that can be met by Second Adult Rebate

#### IF YOU HAVE ONE SECOND ADULT

If the second adult is on I.S. or JSA(IB)	25%
If the second adult's gross income is less than £169.00 a week	15%
If the second adult's gross income is between £169.00 and £219.99 a week	7.5%

#### IF YOU HAVE TWO OR MORE SECOND ADULTS

If all the second adults are on I.S. or JSA(IB)	25%
If the combined gross income of all the second adults is less than £169.00 a week	15%
If the combined gross income of all the second adults is between £169.00 and £219.99 a week	7.5%
If the combined gross income of all the second adults is £220.00 or more a week	Nil

## How to contact us



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