

# Council Tax



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## Council tax exempt!

Or if any problems, contact Student Advice

### Contacting the Local Council

If a post responsible to send a Council Tax exemption letter to your local council to make a claim for your exemption.  
You can request the letter from the council by email or by post. The council will send you a letter within 10 working days.  
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If you are having trouble with the council, you should contact the council's customer service team.

### Which properties pay full Council Tax?

If the property has 2 or more people living in it who are not full-time students, then the property will have to pay full Council Tax.  
Example: A property with 2 or more people who are not full-time students will have to pay full Council Tax.

### Which properties get a discount from Council Tax?

If a property is occupied by a single resident who is a full-time student, then the property will have a 25% single person discount. This is also the case if the property is occupied by a single resident who is a full-time student.

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### A property occupied solely by full-time students will be exempt from council tax

Students, those on dependent visas and children under 18 will come under the Council Tax exemption.

Example: Full-time student, and her 16-year-old dependent son, together in a one-bedroom apartment, with no other residents. They should not have to pay any council tax.

But note: only dependents of visa holders qualify for the exemption - other partners/housemates will not necessarily come under the exemption.

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Example: Full-time student A, and her Tier 4 Dependant B, live together in a one-bedroom apartment, with no other flat-mates. They should not have to pay any council tax.

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If a property is occupied by a single resident (not a full-time student), then the property qualifies for a 25% Single Resident discount. This is also the case if that person shares the property with one or more full-time students.

Example: C (employed) lives with his girlfriend, who is a full-time student. They share their apartment with another full-time student. As there is only one non-student in the property (C), the property qualifies for a 25% council tax discount.

## Which properties pay full Council Tax?

If the property has 2 or more people living in it who are NOT full-time students, then the property becomes liable for the full council tax amount.

Example: D and E, who are both part-time students share a house together. Full council tax will be payable for the property as neither D or E is a full-time student.

## Contacting the Local Council

It is your responsibility to send a Council Tax Exemption letter to your Local Council to inform them of your student status

You can request the letter from Registry from Wednesday 25 September from when they open at 12:00. They are open 12-4pm Wednesday to Friday next week.

You should send the letter within 2-3 weeks of moving into your accommodation

If you are staying in student Halls of Residences, you don't usually need to send a letter to the council but check with your accommodation



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10 Free private sector student places

**Exempting the Council Tax**  
Council tax is a tax on the value of a property. It is levied on the owner of the property. If the property is occupied by a student, the council will exempt the property from council tax. This is known as a 'student exemption'.

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