

# Council Tax

**Council tax exempt?**  
• For property under £10,000

**Contacting the Local Council**  
If you're not sure about your Council Tax bill, you can contact your local council. They'll be able to tell you if you're exempt or not. You should speak to an officer or a member of staff in person. If you're deaf or hard of hearing, you can use a sign language interpreter or a text relay service to communicate.

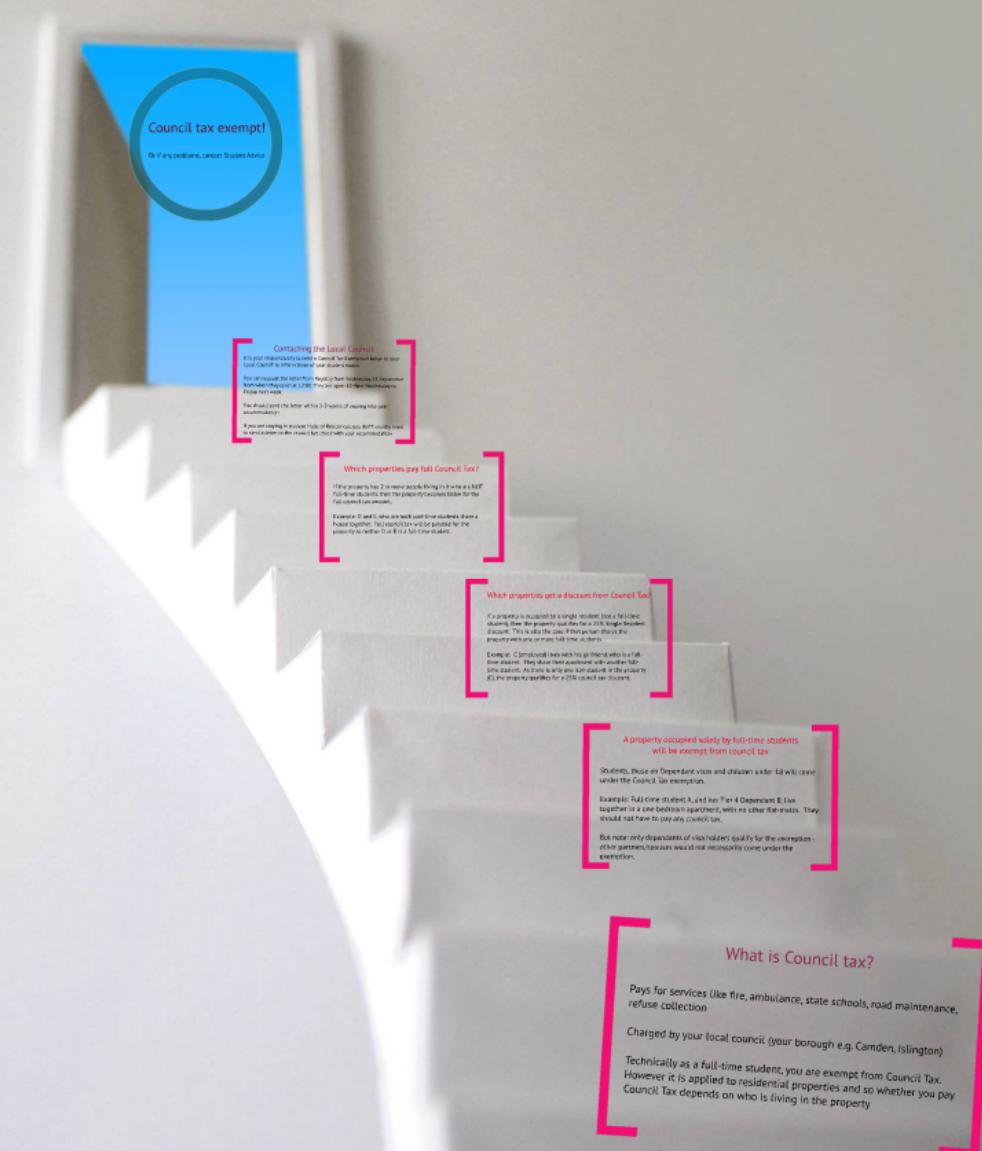
**Who exemption is not full Council Tax?**  
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**Which properties get a discount from Council Tax?**  
The property is occupied by a single individual (or a full-time student), then the property receives a 25% single person discount. This applies to properties with one or more full-time students. Example: A person who lives with their partner, who is not a full-time student, and their two children, who are full-time students. All three are eligible for Council Tax discounts. In the property, there are two single person discounts and one full-time student discount.

**A property occupied solely by full-time students will be exempt from council tax**  
Students, those on Departmental rates and children under 18 will not pay Council Tax if they live with their parents. Example: If a student lives with their parents, but together in a one-bedroom apartment, with no other full-time students, they should not have to pay any Council Tax. But more than one dependent of this nature would not necessarily come under the exemption.

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

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.

But note: only dependants of visa holders qualify for the exemption - other partners/spouses would not necessarily come under the exemption.

## Which properties get a discount from Council Tax?

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



**Council tax exempt!**

Or if any problems, contact Student Advice

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If you're not sure if you're exempt from Council Tax, you can contact your local Council. They can help you understand what you're entitled to and how to apply for a reduction.

**What properties pay full Council Tax**

If you're not a student, or you're not living in a property that's registered as a student home, you'll pay full Council Tax. This includes properties where students share a room together, but don't live there for the majority of the time.

**Which properties get a discount from Council Tax**

If a property is owned by one single person (a 'single person' is someone who is 18 or over and not married or in a civil partnership, or someone who is 16 or 17 and not in full-time education), they'll get a 25% discount on Council Tax.

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Students (those on Department of Education courses under 18 years old) under the Council Tax rules are not considered to be 'adults' for the purposes of Council Tax. If a property is occupied solely by full-time students, it will not pay Council Tax.

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