

Do I need to provide any information ?

Yes, we will need to see proof of your non-dependant's income.

Until we receive proof, we will make the highest deduction from your benefit. Once we have all the information we need, we will work out the non-dependant's income and adjust your claim accordingly. The following are some examples of proof of income.

- Wage slips.
- A complete employers certificate of earnings.
- Award letter from the Department for Work and Pensions.
- Student award letter.
- Accounts (if your non-dependant is self-employed).

We will write and let you know how this affects your benefit.

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Customer First Centre

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Blackpool FY1 1NF

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9am to 2pm Saturday

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For Revenues and Benefits enquiries phone us on 01253 478847

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You can fax us on 01253 478808

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You can email us: benefits@blackpool.gov.uk

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This information is for guidance only. Please contact us to talk about your individual circumstances and we will be able to give you more information.

Non-dependant deductions



Non-dependants

Introduction

This guide is one of a number produced with the aim of helping customers understand Housing and Council Tax Benefit.

It is intended as a general guide. People have different circumstances so for more detailed individual advice please contact us.

What is a non-dependant ?

A non-dependant is a person aged 18 or over who lives in your home, or is using your home as their main residence on a non commercial basis. A non-dependant does not have to be a family member.

Will my benefit be affected ?

If you have a non-dependant living in your home, we may have to reduce your benefit. This is called a non-dependant deduction.

What do I need to do ?

You must let us know if somebody has moved into or out of your home. This may affect your benefit.

If you have a non-dependant who changes jobs or has an increase or decrease in their earnings or income, you must let us know.

It may reduce or increase the deduction we make. If your non-dependant is receiving any state benefits, we will also have to take these into account.

How is the deduction calculated?

The Government sets a weekly deduction for non-dependants based on bands of income. The more income they have, the greater the deduction from your benefit.

If your non-dependant is working, on benefit or receiving a private pension, the charge is based on their GROSS income.

(Gross income is the amount before tax and national insurance are deducted).

Are there any cases where no deduction is made ?

Yes. Listed below you will find the main areas where no charge is made.

- If your non-dependant is aged under 18.
- You are a pensioner and a new non-dependant joins your household. There is no deduction for 6 months.
- If you or your partner are receiving Attendance Allowance.
- If you or your partner are registered blind.
- If you or your partner receive the care component of Disability Living Allowance.
- If your non-dependant is a full time student, or receives a work based training allowance.
- If your non-dependant is in hospital for 52 weeks or more.
- If your non-dependant is in prison or normally living elsewhere.
- If your non-dependant is aged under 25 and in the assessment phase of Employment Support Allowance.

