

What if I think I don't have to pay Council Tax?

If you think you don't have to pay Council Tax you should ask us if you should pay. If you are not happy with our decision you can appeal to the valuation tribunal.

If you are on a low income, you may qualify for Council Tax Benefit. Please see our leaflet Housing and Council Tax Benefit - How to claim.

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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.

You can also get information from our website - www.blackpool.gov.uk

For more information or advice

Visit the Customer First Centre, Corporation St, Blackpool.

Call Centre

You can phone us on:
01253 478847

Opening Times

8.00 am to 6 pm
on Monday, to Friday.
9.00 am to 2.00 pm on Saturday

We issue last tickets for the enquiry service 10 minutes before closing time.

Customer First

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Blackpool Council believes in Access for All

To ensure services provided by Blackpool Council are accessible information is available upon request in a variety of accessible formats including large print, Braille, on audio cassette or computer disk.

We can also provide help for British Sign Language users and provide information in languages other than English.

Please ask for details.

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Council Tax Who has to Pay ?



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Who's responsible?

Am I responsible for paying the Council Tax?

If you are over 18 and live in a property as your main home, you may have to pay Council Tax for that property.

We work out who has to pay by seeing who comes first in the following list.

- 1 A freeholder who lives in the property (for example, the house owner).
- 2 A leaseholder who lives in the property (for example, someone living in a flat who has the legal right to live in the property for a fixed period).
- 3 A tenant who lives in the property (for example, a council house tenant or a private tenant where the owner is not living there).
- 4 Someone with permission to live in the property (for example, a lodger).
- 5 Any other person living in the property.
- 6 The owner of an empty property.

In the following cases, the owner will always be responsible for paying the Council Tax.

- Houses where more than one family lives (multiple occupation).
- Care homes including nursing homes and hostels.
- Properties occupied by religious communities.

- Properties occupied by ministers of religion.

What If I own more than one property?

We will count one property as your main home. You can get discounts on the other properties but it is up to us to decide which is your main home - you cannot choose.

Joint liability

If more than one person owns or leases a property, each one will be equally responsible for paying Council Tax. Please see our leaflet 'Council Tax - Are you jointly responsible for payment?'

