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Factsheet

It is important that you read this fact sheet to the end.

To find and secure suitable, affordable, private rented accommodation we recommend you take the following steps:

You will likely need to fund a bond and/or rent in advance. You may be able to do this by:

- Saving from your income ([see budget sheet](#)): consider your essential and non-essential expenditure when you work out how much you can save
- Family/friends helping you financially
- [Applying for a budgeting loan](#)
- [Setting up a savings account with CLEVR Money Credit Union](#). Telephone: 01253 478827 email: hello@clevr.money

To find a private rented property you can search these useful Websites:

- [Rightmove](#)
- [Gumtree](#)
- [Zoopla](#)
- [Open Rent](#)

If you have no access to the internet you can attend:

- [Blackpool Central Library](#)

The [budget sheet below](#) will also help you work out how much rent you can afford to pay. If you are on a low income you may qualify for help with your rent through [Universal Credit \(Housing Element\)](#) or [Housing Benefit](#).

- To find out [what benefits you may be entitled to](#)
- For [information on your Local Housing Allowance](#)

It is advisable to stay close to your Local Housing Allowance limit to ensure the property is affordable.

[You may also wish to apply for social housing](#)

For further information please contact housing options:

Telephone: 01253 477760 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 1.00pm to 5.00pm or Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm

Email: housing.options@blackpool.gov.uk

Financial statement

Weekly Monthly

For week to month: multiply by 52, divide by 12

For month to week: multiply by 12, divide by 52

Income

Description	£
Earnings	
Partner's earnings	
Universal Credit	
Income Support	
ESA	
Working Tax Credit	
Child Tax Credit	
Child Benefit	
State retirement pension	
Occupational pension	
Pension credit	
DLA/PIP	
Housing Benefit	
Other income	

Expenditure

Description	£
Rent/mortgage	
Buildings/content insurance	
Council Tax	
Gas	
Electricity	
Water	
TV licence	
Childcare costs	
Landline/TV/Internet	
Mobile phone	
Public transport	
Car running costs	
Food and groceries	
Clothing/footwear	
Baby items	
Pet food/insurance	
Cigarettes/tobacco	
Memberships/subscriptions etc	

Christmas/birthday savings	
Repayments to benefits	
Child maintenance	
Other expenditure	

Totals

Description	£
Income	
Expenditure	
Available income	

Priority debt repayments

Debt	£
Mortgage arrears	
Rent arrears	
Council Tax arrears	
Magistrates court fines	
TV licence arrears	
Gas and electric arrears	
Child maintenance arrears	
Total	

Non-priority debt repayments/loans

Debt	£
Personal loans: e.g. Greenwoods/Bank/Provident/friends and family	
Goods on HP: e.g. Car, furniture (BrightHouse repayments)	
Store cards	
Credit cards	
Catalogue	
Secure loans	
Water arrears	
Other	

Debt advice

Debt advice is available at:

- Blackpool Citizens Advice: 01253 308401

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