

Non Dependant Deductions (Working Age)

In respect of Housing Benefit and Local Housing Allowance 2023/24



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Non-dependant deductions

Who non-dependants are

Non-dependants are adults who normally share your accommodation with you but who are not dependent on you for financial support.

Examples of non-dependants could be:

- grown up children who still live with you
- other adult relatives who live with you
- adult friends who live with you.

People not treated as non-dependants because they are not counted as part of your household include:

- children you are responsible for
- carers employed by a charity that charges for the service
- joint tenants
- sub-tenants, or tenants of people who own their house
- boarders
- landlords and their families.

Why non-dependants are important

The law says that we must take a set amount off your Benefit for each non-dependant who lives with you.

There are six different amounts, depending on the income of the non-dependant person.

Non-dependants are expected to pay towards the household costs, and some of what they pay will be for the rent.

A deduction is made because of this, even if the non-dependant doesn't pay you.

When we do not deduct amounts for non-dependants

We **don't** make deductions if you or your partner are:

- registered blind or treated as blind
- getting the care component of Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance.



We don't make deductions if the non-dependant person in your household:

- is under 18
- has a normal home somewhere else
- is a full-time student
- is a prisoner
- has been a patient in hospital for 52 weeks or more
- is under 25 and on Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers' Allowance.



Changes to non-dependants if the claimant or partner is 65 or over

If the claimant or partner is 65 or over and Benefit goes up as a result of a change in the non-dependant deduction, we must implement the increase straight away. However, if the claimant or partner is aged 65 or over and Benefit goes down as a result of a change in the non-dependant deduction, we must allow 26 weeks before we amend the amount.

Non-dependant deductions

The amounts deducted are in the chart overleaf. Because Council tenants pay rent over 50 weeks of the year, the non-dependant deductions are slightly higher.



These rates apply from 1st April 2023.

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Non-dependant person's income	Housing benefit deduction
Aged under 25 and on Income Support (IS) or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA(IB)) or ESA(IR) which does not include an amount for the support component or work-related activity component or UC where the award is calculated on the basis that the non-dependant does not have any earned income	Nil
Aged 25 or over and on IS or JSA(IB), or aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work	£18.10
In receipt of main phase ESA(IR) (any age)	£18.10
In receipt of Pension Credit	Nil
Aged over 18 or over and in remunerative work	
• gross income: less than £162	£18.10
• gross income: £162 to £235.99	£41.60
• gross income: £236 to £307.99	£57.10
• gross income: £308 to £409.99	£93.40
• gross income: £410 to £510.99	£106.35
• gross income: £511 and above	£116.75