How Much is a non-dependant deduction

The amount of the deduction from your benefit depends on the circumstances of the nondependants and the amount of income that they have.

These are the current levels of deductions from Housing Benefit: Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work
- gross income £439 or more ........................ £98.30
- gross income £354.00 - £438.99 ............... £89.55
- gross income £265.00 - £353.99 ............... £78.65
- gross income £204.00 - £264.99 ............... £48.05
- gross income £139.00 - £203.99 ............... £35.00
- gross income less than £139.00 ............... £15.25
Aged 25 or over and on Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance (income based), or aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work ................................ £15.25
in receipt of Pension Credit .......................... Nil

There are the current levels of deductions from Council Tax Support: Aged 18 or over and in remunerative work
- gross income £436.90 or more ................... £11.90
- gross income £351.65 - £436.90 ............... £9.95
- gross income £202.85 - £351.65 ............... £7.90
- gross income less than £202.85 ............... £3.90
Others, aged 18 or over ............................ £3.90

Pensioner in receipt of Pension Credit or Employment Support Allowance (income based) or Income Support/Job Seekers Allowance (income based) .................. Nil

By “income” we normally mean all of your non-dependant’s gross income including any earnings (before deductions for tax, national insurance etc), social security benefits and the interest paid on savings. We do not include Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payment or payments from the Macfarlane Trusts, The Eileen Trust and the Independent Living Fund.

Two Households
If you share your home with a joint tenant or joint owner and the non-dependant shares the home with both of you then your benefit will be reduced by half of the normal non-dependant deduction.

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Who is a non-dependant

A non-dependant is someone aged 18 years or over - for example, an adult son or daughter or elderly relative - who lives with you other than on a commercial basis. If you only share a bathroom, lavatory, hall or passageway with them, they are probably not non-dependants.

A non-dependant does not include:
- dependant members of your family for whom you get benefit for example, a partner, young son or daughter;
- lodgers or boarders who live with you on a commercial basis;
- tenant or sub-tenants;
- people who own all or part of your home, eg a joint owner;
- professional carers.

What is a non-dependant deduction

For most non-dependants living in your household we reduce your Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support by a certain amount for each non-dependant - this is called a non-dependant deduction. If two non-dependants are married to each other (or are treated as a couple) then only one deduction is made for them. You will wish to take into consideration the amount of this deduction when you decide how much more each nondependant should pay to you for living in your home.

When is a non-dependant deduction not made

Deductions are not made if you or your partner are:
- registered blind; or
- in receipt of Attendance Allowance or core component
- in of Disability Living Allowance;
- in receipt of Personal Independence payment Daily Living Component.

No deduction is made from your Housing Benefit if the non-dependant adult living with you:
- is aged under 25 years and gets Income Support or Jobseeker’s Allowance (income based);
- gets a youth training allowance;
- usually lives elsewhere;
- has been a hospital in-patient for more than 52 weeks;
- is a prisoner;
- is a student (but a deduction will be made during the summer vacation if they are in work).

No deduction is made from Council Tax Benefit if the non-dependant adult living with you:
- gets Income Support or Jobseeker’s Allowance (income based), or Pension Credit (and not working more than 16 hours per week) regardless how old they are;
- gets a youth training allowance;
- usually lives elsewhere;
- has been a hospital in-patient for more than 52 weeks;
- is a student (but a deduction will be made during the summer vacation if they are in work); or
- if you receive a council tax discount.

Special rules for Pensioners aged 65 plus with non-dependants

The Government have introduced a concession, in the form of a delay of a deduction being made, for pensioners when a non-dependant moves into their home or the income of a non-dependant increases and would otherwise trigger a higher deduction being made.

These special rules only apply if a deduction would normally be made.

This means that the deduction or increase in deduction is delayed for 26 weeks.

So for example, Mr Smith is 68 years old. On 6 October his 42 year old son comes to live with him. The son is in full-time employment.

Because Mr Smith is over 65 years old, a non-dependant deduction is not made until 5 April.

On 14 June Mr Smith’s son has a pay rise that puts him in a higher non-dependant deduction band.

Because Mr Smith is over 65 years old, the increased deduction is not made until 13 December.

Mr Smith must still tell the Benefits Service immediately that his son has joined his household and when his son’s income increases.

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