

Council Tax Support Scheme for Universal Credit claimants

1. Eligibility

This scheme applies to any person who has made an application for Council Tax Support who in receipt of an award of Universal Credit

Any person who has been eligible to receive Council Tax Support under this scheme will remain eligible under this scheme and will not be eligible for Council Tax Support under the previous scheme.

2. Maximum award

The maximum award of Council Tax Support under this scheme is 75% of the Council Tax liability.

3. Persons entitled to a maximum award

The following persons are entitled to a maximum award under this scheme

- Any person who is in receipt of an award of Universal Credit that is equal to their maximum Universal Credit award
- Any person who has Eligible Income as defined in paragraph 6 that is below their Personal Allowance as defined in paragraph 5.

4. Persons entitled to a partial award

Any person who is not entitled to a maximum award under paragraph 3 is entitled to partial award. The level of the partial award is determined by reducing the Maximum award by 15% of the Surplus Eligible Income as defined in paragraph 7.

Where 15 % of the Surplus Eligible Income exceeds the maximum award, no award will be made.

5. Personal allowances

The Personal Allowance for a person who is single is £73.10 per week

The Personal Allowance for a person who has a partner who lives with them £114.50 per week

6. Eligible Income

Any income net of tax, national insurance and pension contributions that is not a benefit or a welfare payment made by the Government or on behalf of the Government under the Social Security Administration Act 1992 or the Welfare Reform Act 2007 is to be counted as Eligible Income, Including (but not exclusively):

- Income from employment
- Income from Self Employment
- Income from a Private or Company Pension or Annuity

- Rental Income from tenants and lodgers

7. Surplus Eligible Income

Surplus Eligible Income is calculated by deducting the Personal Allowance from the Eligible Income.

8. Exclusions

The following persons are not entitled to an award of Council Tax Support:

- Anyone with capital or assets worth in excess of £16,000
- Anyone who is required to, but who has failed to participate in a Personal Work Support package.