

What is Second Adult Rebate?

If you live alone you can get a discount of 25 % from your Council Tax bill. However, if someone aged 18 or over moves into your property, you may not be able to get this discount any more.

Second Adult Rebate helps you cope with losing this discount if the person (or people) who move into your home don't pay Council Tax and are on a low income.

We could reduce your Council Tax bill by up to 25 % if you are entitled to Second Adult Rebate.

We base Second Adult Rebate on the income of the other adults who live with you. Your income is not taken into account.

We work out Second Adult Rebate by looking at the gross income (before tax and National Insurance) of the other adults who live with you. So if you have to pay Council Tax and the amount of income you receive, or the amount of savings you have means that you are not entitled to Council Tax Benefit, you may be entitled to Second Adult Rebate.

You can only get Second Adult Rebate or Council Tax Benefit, not both.

Who is a second adult?

A second adult is somebody who is 18 or over and lives with you and is not responsible for paying rent. A second adult can be:

- an adult son or daughter
- a relative, or
- a friend.

Who is not a second adult?

A second adult cannot be:

- a partner
- a tenant or boarder
- a joint tenant
- a person jointly responsible for paying Council Tax (for example someone whose name is also on the Council Tax bill), or
- a person not counted for Council Tax payments such as most full-time students, care workers, or people who have serious mental-health issues. You should contact us if you are not sure about any of this.



When can't I claim Second Adult Rebate?

You cannot claim Second Adult Rebate if you do not have a second adult living with you as described above.

I am entitled to Council Tax Benefit, should I claim Second Adult Rebate instead?

When you made a claim for Council Tax Benefit, we would have already considered you for Second Adult Rebate. We would have compared how much Council Tax Benefit and Second Adult Rebate you were entitled to and given you the one that reduced your Council Tax bill the most. We call this the 'better buy' calculation.

If you claim Second Adult Rebate, we will not automatically consider you for Council Tax Benefit.



How much Second Adult Rebate can I get?

Second Adult Rebate could reduce your Council Tax bill by up to 25 %. If there is more than one second adult living with you, we will use their combined gross income when we work this out.

The table below shows how much Second Adult Rebate could reduce your Council Tax bill, based on the income of the adults living with you.

Second adult's income	Percentage of council tax paid by Second Adult Rebate
Second adult gets income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support or Pension Credit.	25%
Second adult doesn't get any of the above benefits and their gross income is less than £175 a week.	15%
Second adult doesn't get any of the above benefits and their gross income is between £175 and £227.99 a week.	7.5%
Second adult doesn't get any of the above benefits and their gross income is £228 a week or more.	0

What is 'Student Only' Second Adult Rebate?

'Student Only' Second Adult Rebate is another type of Second Adult Rebate.

It applies when a student house cannot get a student exemption because:

- one or more people who are not students live in the property, and
- the people who are not students get income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support or Pension Credit.

All students who are responsible for paying Council Tax must claim Second Adult Rebate. This is because each student has to claim Second Adult Rebate on their own share of the Council Tax.

If all the students responsible for the Council Tax bill are entitled to 'Student Only' Second Adult Rebate, all of the Council Tax bill is paid for, so there is no Council Tax to pay.

How is Second Adult Rebate paid?

We pay Second Adult Rebate direct to your Council Tax account. If you are entitled to Second Adult Rebate, you will get a new Council Tax bill which shows the new (reduced) amount you have to pay.

When would Second Adult Rebate start?

Second Adult Rebate normally starts from the first Monday after we get your application form.

In some circumstances, and if there is a good reason, we can pay Second Adult Rebate to cover a previous period. This is called backdating.

If you have reached the qualifying age for Pension Credit, we may be able to backdate your claim for up to 3 months without you needing to give a good reason. We would still need to see the second adult's income during the backdating period.

How do I claim Second Adult Rebate or get more information?

If you want to claim Second Adult Rebate, please call us on **020 8356 3399** or visit us at Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street for a claim form or for more information. You can also find information online at <http://www.hackney.gov.uk/advice-benefits.htm>.

What information do I need to provide?

You will need to provide proof of:

- your identity and your National Insurance number, and
- the gross income for all second adults in the property.

If you would like to find out what this document says please tick the appropriate box, put your name, address and phone number at the bottom of this page and return it to the address below.

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