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 pensioners cope with losing this discount if the person (or people) who move into your property 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 are a pensioner and have to pay Council Tax and the amount of income you receive or the amount of savings you have does not entitle you to Council Tax Reduction, you may however be entitled to Second Adult Rebate.
You can only receive either Second Adult Rebate or Council Tax Reduction, not both.
You have to be of pensionable age to apply for Second Adult Rebate. If you are of working age you do not qualify for Second Adult rebate.
You are normally classed as a pensioner if you have reached the qualifying age for Pension Credit. However, if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits you will not be classed as being a pensioner and so will not be eligible for Second Adult Rebate:
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related Benefit)
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. The second adult does not have to be a pensioner.
A second adult can be:
- an adult son or daughter
- a relative
- 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 the Council Tax (for example someone whose name is also on the Council Tax bill)
- 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, on 020 8356 3399 or visit us at Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, Hackney E8 1DY for a claim form or for more information. You can also find information online at: http://www.hackney.gov.uk/advice-benefits.htm
When can’t I claim Second Adult Rebate?
You cannot receive Second Adult Rebate if you are of working age, as you have to be over Pension Credit age to be eligible for 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 Reduction: should I claim Second Adult Rebate instead?
When you made a claim for Council Tax Reduction, we would have already considered you for Second Adult Rebate.
We would have compared how much Council Tax Reduction 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 Reduction.
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.

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

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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

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.

If you are over the qualifying age for Pension Credit, we may be able to automatically backdate your claim for up to three months. You would need to be over Pension Credit age for the whole of the backdating period. We would still need to see the second adult’s income during the backdating period.

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