

# Housing and Council Tax Benefits

## What are Housing and Council Tax Benefits?

The Housing and Council Tax Benefit Schemes are administered by Shetland Islands Council, on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions, to help people on low incomes with their rent and Council Tax payments.

It is assessed based on your income, savings and the people living in your household. Within this calculation, there is a maximum of benefit you will be able to receive.

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit are governed by law passed by the Westminster Parliament. All claims assessed by the Benefits Section are in accordance with government legislation, Department for Work and Pensions policy, case law and Council policy.

This page tells you:

- who can get Housing and Council Tax Benefit;
- how to claim Housing and Council Tax Benefit;
- how we calculate how much Housing and Council Tax Benefit you can get; and
- what information we need from you.

We have tried to explain everything you need to know as clearly as possible. However, if you have any questions, or there is something you do not understand, please contact us on **01595 744682** or write to:

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