

Housing and Council Tax Benefits

Who can claim Housing and Council Tax Benefit?

Anyone who has to pay Rent or Council Tax can claim.

- You can claim Housing Benefit even if you are working
- You don't need to have made any National Insurance Contributions
- You can still claim Housing Benefit even if you are not getting any other benefits

Anyone who has to pay rent for their home can claim Housing Benefit if you live in:

- A Council House
- Privately rented accommodation
- A hostel
- A hotel
- A guest house or other similar accommodation
- Or other types of rented accommodation (except most residential care or nursing home)

Anyone who is liable for Council Tax can claim Council Tax Benefit if you live in:

- A Council house
- A Privately rented or housing association accommodation
- A House you are buying or have already bought

To be entitled to Housing and Council Tax Benefit you must:

- Live in the UK;
- Occupy the dwelling as your home and be liable to pay rent and Council Tax for the dwelling.