

## When is a Non-Dependant Deduction not made?

**Deductions are not made if you or your partner are:**

- Registered blind, or
- in receipt of Attendance Allowance or a care component of Disability Living Allowance.

**No deduction is made if the non-dependant adult living with you:**

- is aged 18 or under
- is aged 25 or under and receives either Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance (income based)
- gets a Work Based Training Allowance
- usually lives elsewhere
- has been admitted as a hospital in-patient for more than six weeks
- is a prisoner or is otherwise detained
- is a student - if the person living with you is a student, specific rules apply as to whether or not a deduction is made. Please contact the Housing and Council Tax Benefit office for further information.
- is in receipt of Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit or Savings Credit)

There are also certain circumstances where a non-dependent deduction is not taken for 26 weeks, where the non-dependent is aged over 65 and there is an existing claim for Housing and/ or Council Tax Benefit. This rule applies when:

- A non-dependent aged 65 or over moves into your property.
- An existing non-dependent has an increase in their wages, that would cause a higher non-dependant deduction to be taken.
- An existing non-dependent has a change in their circumstances that would cause an increase in their non-dependent deduction.

**If you have any other queries please contact us on the telephone number below: 01628 796036 or email us: [benefits@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@rbwm.gov.uk)**

## Housing & Council Tax Benefit

# How people living in your household can affect your benefit!



## NON-DEPENDANTS

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Your benefit may be affected if you have ‘non-dependants’ living in your household.

## Who is a Non-dependant

A ‘non-dependant’ is someone aged 18 or over, for example, an adult son or daughter, a relative or even a friend who lives with you on a non-commercial basis.

## A Non-dependant does not include:

- Dependant members of your family, i.e. a partner or a person for whom you get child benefit.
- Lodgers or boarders who live with you on a commercial basis.
- Tenants or sub-tenants.
- People who own all or part of your home, i.e. a joint owner.
- Professional carers.

## What are Non-dependant deductions and why are they made?

The Government expects non-dependants to contribute towards the running expenses of the household, which includes rent and/or council tax.

Many householders receive money from their non-dependants to cover housekeeping costs. However, even if the non-dependant pays little or nothing, standard fixed-sum deductions will still be made from the householder’s Housing and/or Council Tax Benefits.

These deductions are calculated on the non-dependant’s gross income, so it is important to let us know of any changes in that person’s income i.e. if the income decreases or increases this may affect the deduction.

It is also important that we are kept up to date with any other changes that occur regarding a non-dependant i.e. if they leave or join the household.

## How much is a Non-Dependant Deduction?

### Example

<b>The amount of the deduction depends on the level of gross income the non-dependant receives, the current amounts (applicable from 27 October 2008) are as follows:</b>	Housing Benefit	Council Tax Benefit
Non-dependant in receipt of Pension Credit (Guarantee or Savings element)	NIL	NIL
Non-dependant is under 25 and receiving Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (Income based) or ESA (income related) Assessment phase.	NIL	NIL
Non-dependant is under 25 and receiving ESA (income related) Main phase.	£7.40	NIL
Non-dependant is over 25 and in receipt of Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (Income based) or ESA (income related) Both phases.	£7.40	NIL
Aged 18 or over with a gross weekly income of less than £116.00, or a person working less than 16 hours per week	£7.40	£2.30
Gross weekly income between £116.00 to £171.99	£17.00	£2.30
Gross weekly income between £172.00 to £222.99	£23.35	£4.60
Gross weekly income between £223.00 to £295.99	£38.20	£4.60
Gross weekly income between £296.00 to £368.99	£43.50	£5.80
Gross weekly income between £369.00 and above	£47.75	£6.95

A single person in receipt of Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance (income based) with a weekly rent of £70.00, would get a £70.00 per week housing benefit. However, if they had a non-dependant living with them earning a gross weekly income of £130.00 per week, a non-dependant deduction of £17.00 per week, would reduce the householders benefit entitlement to £53.00 per week.