

New Rule April 2006

From April 2006 a Student householder claiming Second Adult Rebate will be able to claim up to 100% of their liability as opposed to previous years when it was only up to 25%.

How do I apply for a Second Adult Rebate?

If you wish to apply for Second Adult Rebate you will need to complete an application form.

For further information, advice, a claim form or to speak to someone face-to-face you can call in to one of our Customer Service Centres (CSC):

Second Adult Rebate



Housing and Council Tax Benefit

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What is Second Adult Rebate?

If you are liable to pay the Council Tax for the property you occupy as your home and an adult lives with you who is on a low income, you may be able to claim a reduction in the amount of Council Tax you pay.

When would I be able to get a Second Adult Rebate?

You must be the only person liable to pay the Council Tax, and live with a person over the age of 18 who is not:

- your partner or;
- a joint owner or tenant or;
- living with you on a commercial basis (e.g. a boarder) or;
- disregarded for the purposes of Council Tax.

If you are not entitled to a Single Person Discount (the 25% reduction) you can apply for Second Adult Rebate in its place. The people who live with you will need to tell us their gross weekly income plus any interest from their capital.

There may be two or more 'second adults' in your home, and you can still qualify for Second Adult Rebate. However their combined weekly income will be used in calculating your entitlement.

There is no tariff income rule or capital limit with Second Adult Rebate. You may apply even if your capital exceeds £16,000, and do not need to tell us about your own income or capital.

Who is disregarded for Council Tax purposes?

Certain persons who live with you may be disregarded for the purpose of Council Tax. You will not be entitled to Second Adult Rebate if everyone in your house is disregarded.

Disregarded persons include:

- Persons under 18
- School and College leavers
- Students
- Severely mentally impaired
- Carers & Care Workers
- Personnel from Visiting forces
- Diplomats
- Apprentices
- Youth Trainees
- Student Nurses
- Hospital Patients
- Care Home residents
- Certain hostel and night shelter dwellers
- Prisoners (unless in prison for non payment of council tax or a fine)
- Members of Religious communities
- Persons who are not solely or mainly resident in your property.

How is the rebate calculated?

The rebate is calculated based on the Second Adult's gross income before any deductions for National Insurance and Tax, etc. and includes other income such as Social Security Benefits, occupational pensions and interest from their capital.

For each range of income a percentage of rebate is granted as follows:

Weekly Income	Amount of Rebate
I/S or Income Based JSA	25%
Pension Credit	25%
Students	100%
Less than £169	15%
£169 to £219.99	7.5%
£220 or more	0%

Better Buy Option

If you apply for Main Council Tax Benefit based on your own income and tell us of the income of the Second Adult we will calculate which one will give you more rebate. Therefore if you already receive Council Tax Benefit you do not need to reapply for Second Adult Rebate.

Example

Clarissa Bell is single.

Her elderly mother, Mrs Bell, receives Guaranteed Pension Credit and lives with her daughter. Clarissa is not entitled to main Council Tax Benefit and claims Second Adult Rebate in respect of her mother.

(A) Annual Council Tax liability	£1111.97
(B) Daily Council Tax liability	£3.05
(C) Daily Second Adult Rebate where Second Adult on Income Support (25% of B)	£0.76