

Cut your Council Tax

Hundreds of people in Bridgend are missing out on money off their Council Tax



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Step One

Find the description in the table that best suits your circumstances: find the correct Council Tax band for your property and check the amount for you.

Check if you're entitled to any of the additions on the right hand side and add them on to the amount in the table.

Step Two

Add up the total weekly income of you and your partner.

You will need to have income (joint if you have a partner) less than the amount from step one in order to qualify for Council Tax benefit.

Step three

If you think that you will qualify contact us. If not have a look at our 'second chance' on page 4.

If your savings and investments are over £16,000 you won't qualify (unless you receive Guaranteed Pension Credit) but have a look at our 'second chance' on page 4.

Average Council Tax Band	A	B
Single	(£787.31)	(£964.18)
Aged 18 - 24 (not working)*	£98.23	£112.35
Aged 18 - 59 with 1 child under 16 (not working)*	£157.20	£169.12
Aged 25 - 59 (not working)*	£106.89	£118.25
Aged 60 - 64 (not working)*	£170.21	£182.28
Aged 65 plus (not working)*	£190.38	£202.51
Aged 18 - 24 (working)*	£98.26	£110.98
Aged 18 - 59 with 1 child under 16 (working 16 hours+ a week)*	£196.50	£209.78
Aged 25 - 59 (working less than 30 hours)*	£112.04	£125.84
Couples		
Aged 18 - 59 (neither working)	£159.82	£175.22
Aged 18 - 59 with 1 child under 16 (neither working)	£211.20	£227.58
One or both aged 60 - 64 (neither working)	£254.02	£271.05
One or both aged 65 plus (neither working)	£280.36	£297.94
Aged 18 - 59 (one or both working)	£168.56	£186.24
Aged 18 - 59 with 1 child under 16 (working 16 hours+ a week)	£234.61	£253.97
Aged 60 - 64 (one or both working)	£264.57	£281.64

*Assuming there is a 25% single person discount already allowed

What not to count as income

- Attendance Allowance
- Disability Living Allowance
- War Pensions paid by the state
- Child maintenance

What to count as income

- Wages, (including sick or maternity pay) after Tax and National Insurance
- Working Tax Credit / Child Tax Credit
- Child Benefit
- Social Security benefits like Incapacity Benefit, Carer's Allowance, Contributions Based Jobseekers Allowance or Employment Support Allowance
- Private or occupational pensions after tax
- Any other income you receive on a regular basis

If you are in receipt of Guaranteed Pension Credit, Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance contact us now!

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(£1049.74)	(£1180.96)	(£1443.40)
£118.23	£127.63	£138.80
£176.61	£185.42	£202.10
£126.59	£134.78	£153.51
£189.05	£197.95	£217.02
£208.99	£217.95	£236.89
£118.02	£127.80	£143.89
£215.52	£226.89	£244.10
£129.58	£138.72	£153.64
£184.98	£195.79	£221.99
£234.59	£247.31	£271.10
£278.95	£291.53	£317.68
£304.77	£318.45	£342.28
£194.87	£208.10	£232.35
£259.64	£273.83	£298.59
£288.84	£301.08	£327.21

If you have any of the following add on:

- Extra children add on £56.11 for each additional child
- A child under one add on £10.50
- A child on Disability Living Allowance add on £51.24

If you, or your partner pay **childcare costs**, get **Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance** or **Attendance Allowance** there are *other* additions that can be made. Contact the Take Up Team on 643362 to find out.



If you pay a different amount of Council Tax or you cannot find your circumstances - get in touch to find out the amount for you.

'Second chance' - Second Adult Rebate

You can claim Second Adult Rebate if you are a single person and there are other people living with you who are on a low income.

The other people could be relatives or friends over 18, but not a partner*, boarder or tenant (*you can still be classed as a single person if your partner is disregarded for Council Tax, such as a carer or student).

We use the other adults income instead of yours

We take their gross income and if you have more than one second adult we add their incomes together.

You could get:

- 25% of your bill if the second adult is on Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance or Guaranteed Pension Credit.
- 15% off your bill if the second adult has a weekly income up to £169.00.
- 7.5% off your bill if the second adult has a weekly income from £169.00 to £219.99.

How to get in touch

Telephone 01656 643643 for a calculation to see what you can get.

If we are busy or our lines are closed you can ring and leave a message on our answer phone 643362 and we will ring you back.

Visit Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, bring this leaflet with you.

Opening times:

Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm

Email benefits@bridgend.gov.uk

Send us your name, address and telephone number and we will get back to you.



Claim if in doubt - don't go without!

Please note this leaflet is only designed to be a rough guide to whether you may qualify for a rebate and does not guarantee that you will qualify, Other circumstances may need to be taken into account.