

Student benefit claims



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If you are a student, you may be able to make a Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit claim. This leaflet states the kind of students who can claim.

A student is anyone attending a study course at an educational establishment. This means studies at all levels including school-based study; full- or part-time students; students receiving loans; and courses at a state or private college.

This leaflet is part of a series (illustrated opposite) produced by a group of local authorities to help make Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit easier to understand.

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What do I qualify for?

Council Tax exemptions

- If you are a full-time student, you may be exempt from Council Tax even if you would otherwise be liable to pay it.
- If you are a full-time student and you live in a property with somebody else who is solely liable for Council Tax, they can claim a 25% reduction in the Council Tax.

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit

Students can claim Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit if you fall into one of the categories listed below:

- receiving Income Support or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- part-time students;
- under 19 and on a course up to A-level standard;
- aged 60 or over;
- responsible for a child or young person (ie receiving Child Benefit);
- responsible for a foster child;
- responsible for children boarded with a local authority or voluntary organisation;
- receiving certain disability benefits;
- receiving a grant assessment allowance for deafness, even if you only get grant fees.

Students' partners who are not students themselves may claim benefit for the couple.

Overseas students

If you are from abroad, you should ask us about possible help with rent and Council Tax payments. There is no automatic right to benefit for overseas students – it will depend on your particular circumstances.

How do I apply?

Complete the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit claim form and return it to us as soon as possible.

Other formats

This leaflet is also available in large print, Braille, on audio cassette and in other languages. Please contact us if you need this leaflet in one of these formats.

This leaflet gives basic advice and is a general guide. If you have a question that is not answered in this leaflet, or if you want more advice, please contact us.

Participating authorities: Broxbourne, Dacorum, Hertsmeire, Ipswich, Lincoln City, North Herts, St Albans, Stevenage, Three Rivers and Welwyn Hatfield.



Where to get help and advice

To get more information you can visit us at:

Three Rivers District Council
Three Rivers House
Northway, Rickmansworth
Herts WD3 1RL

Offices are open: Mon to Thu 8.30am – 5.30pm
Fri 8.30am – 5pm

Telephone: 01923 773138 (*benefits section*)

Email: benefits@threerivers.gov.uk

Fax: 01923 727181

Website: www.threerivers.gov.uk

South Oxhey Area Office
37 Oxhey Drive
South Oxhey
Herts WD19 7SD

Benefits officer

available: Mon and Thu 9am – 4.30pm
Fri 9am – 4pm

Other organisations that provide help and advice

Citizens Advice Bureaux

Watford 01923 234949

Rickmansworth 01923 720424

Abbots Langley 01923 267949

Oxhey & District 020 8421 0911