

Council Tax Support – State Pension Credit Age

What is a Non-Dependant deduction?

A non-dependant is someone who is aged over 18 and who normally lives with you. This may be an adult son, daughter, parent, relative or friend.

Boarders, sub-tenants and people jointly responsible for the rent or council tax with you are not classed as non-dependants.

Does the money paid by Non-Dependants for their keep, count as income for Council Tax Support purposes?

No, we do not use the money paid by a non-dependant to you. Instead, we use fixed deductions to reduce your Council Tax Support entitlement based on the circumstance and gross income of each non-dependant(s). For non-dependant couples we only make one deduction based on the gross joint income for the non-dependant couple.

The rates of deduction we will use are listed below.

When are deductions not made?

We do not make deductions for any non-dependant if the person claiming Council Tax Support or their partner is:

- registered blind
- getting Attendance Allowance or Constant Attendance Allowance
- getting Disability Living Allowance Care element at any rate or Personal Independence Payment Daily Living Allowance component or AFIP award

Or if the non-dependant:

- is aged under 18 - but a deduction will be made from his/her 18th birthday
- is getting Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based) or Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- is doing a youth training scheme
- is going to college as a full time student
- is still at school and child benefit remains in payment for them
- normally lives elsewhere

Changes to your Circumstances

Once you start to receive Council Tax Support, you must tell us straight away of any changes in your circumstances. This is very important where we are making a non-dependant deduction on your claim.

You can report your changes in circumstances at www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/benefits/change-of-circumstances/

If you are aged 65 or over and Non-Dependants live with you.

If you are aged 65 or over we will not reduce your support until six months after the date of the change.

This will only happen where:

- a non-dependant moves in with you – and will mean you get less support
- a non-dependant's income changes giving you less support because a higher non-dependant deduction becomes effective

If you are not sure what you must tell us about, tell us anyway and we will let you know exactly how it will affect your claim.

Weekly Non-Dependant deductions appropriate for 2017/2018

Council Tax Support Deductions – Pension Credit Age

Income Type	Weekly deduction
Aged over 18 and working with gross weekly income of £424.20 or more	£11.55
Aged over 18 and working with gross weekly income between £341.40 to £424.20	£9.65
Aged over 18 and working with gross weekly income between £196.95 to £341.40	£7.65
Aged over 18 and working with gross weekly income less than £196.95	£3.80
For each non-dependant who receives Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance Income Based or Employment Support Allowance (Income Related).	£0.00
For all other non-dependants aged over 18 including those on Employment Support Allowance (Contribution Based)	£3.80
Pensioner not on Pension Credit	£3.80
Pensioner who get Pension Credit	£0.00

* working is defined as 16 hours per week or more