

Non Dependant Deductions (Working Age)

In respect of Housing Benefit and Local Housing Allowance 2026/27



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Non-dependant deductions

Who non-dependants are

Non-dependants are adults who normally share your accommodation with you but who are not dependent on you for financial support.

Examples of non-dependants could be:

- grown up children who still live with you
- other adult relatives who live with you
- adult friends who live with you.

People not treated as non-dependants because they are not counted as part of your household include:

- children you are responsible for
- carers employed by a charity that charges for the service
- joint tenants
- sub-tenants, or tenants of people who own their house
- boarders
- landlords and their families.

Why non-dependants are important

The law says that we must take a set amount off your Benefit for each non-dependant who lives with you. There are six different amounts, depending on the income of the non-dependant person.

Non-dependants are expected to pay towards the household costs, and some of what they pay will be for the rent.

A deduction is made because of this, even if the non-dependant doesn't pay you.

When we do not deduct amounts for non-dependants

We **don't** make deductions if you or your partner are:

- registered blind or treated as blind
- getting the daily living component of Personal Independence Payment, or the care component of Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance



We don't make deductions if the non-dependant person in your household:

- is under 18
- has a normal home somewhere else
- is a full-time student
- is a prisoner
- has been a patient in hospital for 52 weeks or more
- is under 25 and on Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers' Allowance.



Changes to non-dependants if the claimant or partner is 65 or over

If the claimant is aged 66 or over (and so is the partner if there is one) and Benefit goes up as a result of a change in the non-dependant deduction, we must implement the increase straight away. However, if the claimant or partner is aged 65 or over and Benefit goes down as a result of a change in the non-dependant deduction, we must allow 26 weeks before we amend the amount.

Non-dependant deductions

The amounts deducted are in the chart overleaf. If you have rent free weeks (weeks where you are not charged rent, and pay slightly more in the other weeks of the year), the non-dependant deductions are slightly higher.



These rates apply from 1st April 2026.

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Non-dependant person's income	Housing benefit deduction
Aged under 25 and on Income Support (IS) or income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA(IB)) or ESA(IR) which does not include an amount for the support component or work-related activity component or UC where the award is calculated on the basis that the non-dependant does not have any earned income	Nil
Aged 25 or over and on IS or JSA(IB), or aged 18 or over and not in remunerative work	£20.40
In receipt of main phase ESA(IR) (any age)	£20.40
In receipt of Pension Credit	Nil
Aged over 18 or over and in remunerative work	
• gross income: less than £192	£20.40
• gross income: £192 to £278.99	£46.85
• gross income: £279 to £364.99	£64.35
• gross income: £365 to £484.99	£105.20
• gross income: £485 to £604.99	£119.85
• gross income: £605 and above	£131.45