

Housing/Council Tax benefit rule changes

More Money for Students with Kids

From the 2nd November new legislation will be introduced that means for the calculation of Housing Benefit and Council Tax benefit, an award of Child benefit shall no longer be regarded as income.

So that anyone in receipt of Child Benefit and Housing and/or Council Tax may benefit from an increase in their award.

Also parents who failed the means test prior to the 2nd November may now possibly be eligible for an award of Housing and/or Council Tax benefit.

Therefore households may have a possible increase in their benefit award of up to:

Number of Children	Increase in housing benefit of up to	Increase of Council Tax benefit of up to
1	£13.00 per week	£4.00 per week
2	£21.58 per week	£6.64 per week
3	£30.16 per week	£9.28 per week
4	£38.74 per week	£11.92 per week

For households already in receipt of Housing/Council Tax benefit, you should see the change immediately from the 2nd November; if not then you should contact your local benefits office.

For households who believe that through the new rules they may now be eligible, then you should make an application for Housing and Council Tax benefit on from, alternatively you could come into the Advice Centre for further advice.

