



Council Tax Reduction

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Council Tax Reduction is local. You apply to your own council, not to the Department for Work and Pensions. The council sets the scheme and the amount.

A single-person discount is a different thing. You can get both.

It is not Housing Benefit

Help with the council tax bill and help with the rent are separate. Working-age rent is usually inside Universal Credit. Council tax is still a council form.

In Wales some councils call it the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. In Scotland it is Council Tax Reduction. The application is still local.

A shortfall in the rent

A discretionary housing payment is a council top-up when Housing Benefit, or the Universal Credit housing element, does not cover the rent. The council can say no. The budget can run out.

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