



Housing Benefit Changes

From April 2011, changes to the way Housing Benefit is worked out may mean you have more rent to pay

If you have someone who lives with you who is aged 18 or over and who is not a joint tenant or boarder and not your partner is called a non-dependant.

This could be:

- A parent
- A friend
- Another relative who lives with you
- A grown-up son or daughter.

If you have a non-dependant living in your home, your Housing Benefit is usually reduced by a certain amount each week. This is called a non-dependant deduction, from 4 April 2011 these deductions will increase.



**It is important you check that the right non dependent deduction is being made:
Contact the Leeds Benefits Service on Tel: 0113 222 4404 or your local housing office for help.**

Your weekly rental charge may increase due to these changes.

Please ensure you pay your increased rent from 4th April 2011

Aged 18 or over and working 16 hours or more a week		Aged 18 or over and not working 16 hours or more a week	
What is the GROSS weekly income of the person living with you in your home?	Deduction from April 2011	What is the income of the person living with you in your home?	Deduction from April 2011
Less than £122.00	£10.18	Aged 18-24 and on: Income Support, or Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance Assessment phase of Income Related Employment and Support Allowance.	Nil
Between £122.00 and £179.99	£23.35		
Between £180.00 and £233.99	£32.07		
Between £234.00 and £309.99	£52.49	On Pension Credit, a student, or on a training allowance.	Nil
Between £310.00 and £386.99	£59.80	All other non-dependants aged 18 or over not working 16 hours or more a week, regardless of their income.	£10.18
£387.00 or more	£65.65		
Off work sick or on maternity leave	£10.18		

NO DEDUCTION should apply where:

The non-dependant is aged under 18 (regardless of their income); or if you or your partner get Disability Living Allowance due to care needs or Attendance Allowance; or if you or your partner are registered blind; or if the non-dependant is only staying with you for a short period, or is on remand or in prison.