

Example benefit decision notice

Weekly benefit award
'Award' means what we can pay you. This is the amount of benefit you'll get before any deductions.

Net benefit payable
This is the weekly amount of benefit you'll get.

Weekly gross rent/council tax
This is the total amount of rent/council tax that your benefit is based on.

Weekly ineligible service charges
This amount is for services included in your rent, which we cannot pay for like fuel charges, water rates.

This will be paid on
This is the date the amount leaves our account. The money will go into your account within four working days of the payment date.

Your weekly earned income
Your earnings shown as a weekly figure after deductions for tax, National Insurance and half of any pension contribution.

Any other income
This means all other types of income, including tax credits, child benefit, state benefits, private pensions. They're added together and shown here.

Disregarded income
We ignore some income when we work out your benefit, for example disability living allowance, child benefit, attendance allowance, maintenance.

Overpayment recovery
If you have an overpayment of housing benefit, we may recover this from your ongoing entitlement. The amount shown is the weekly amount we're taking from your housing benefit entitlement.

Amount you must pay weekly
If you're a council tenant, this is the amount of rent you need to pay from the date the benefit starts on.

Weekly eligible rent/council tax
This is the amount of rent/council tax that we take in to account when working out how much benefit you're entitled to.

Non-dependant deductions
This is money taken off your benefit because you have other adults, apart from your partner, living in your home.

Your partner's weekly earned income
Your partner's earnings shown as a weekly figure after deductions for tax, National Insurance and half of any pension contribution.

Applicable amount
This is the figure that we must use as the amount needed for day-to-day living expenses. It's dependent upon your household circumstances.

Assumed income
We must assume you have an income from money in bank accounts, savings or investments. The amounts we have to assume are fixed, and based on your total savings and capital.

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Benefit decision notice

Please read the notes overleaf carefully. A more detailed explanation of this calculation can be provided on request.

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Claim Ref	1234567
Council Tax Ref	
Rent Ref	12345678123456
Date	27 Oct 2014

REASON FOR CALCULATION: Change In Earned Income

HOUSING BENEFIT	
The Weekly Benefit Award is:	£95.49
Less Overpayment Recovery:	£0.00
Net Benefit Payable:	£95.49
Weekly Gross Rent/Council Tax is:	£105.05
Amount you must pay weekly:	£9.56
The Benefit Starts on:	28 Jul 2014
Weekly Eligible Rent/Council Tax:	£95.49
Weekly Ineligible Service Charges:	£0.00
The first payment will be:	£1241.37
This will be paid on:	03 Nov 2014
Payment will be made by:	Credit to Rent Account
Future payments will be made:	Credit to Rent Account
NON DEPENDANT DEDUCTIONS	£0.00

NAME	GROSS INCOME (WEEKLY)	INCOME BAND	DEDUCTION (RENT)	DEDUCTION (COUNCIL TAX)
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In working out your weekly benefit, we have used the following information:

FINANCIAL DETAILS:	APPLICABLE AMOUNT
Your weekly earned income	£18.29
Your partner's weekly earned income	£0.00
Any other income (weekly figures)	£93.74
Assumed income from £2163 Capital	£0.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	£112.03
Disregarded income	£35.39
Other disregarded income	£0.00
INCOME USED IN CALCULATION	£76.64

You must tell us immediately if your circumstances change

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