



Help with Rent and Council Tax for Students

Students and Benefits

Some students can claim Housing Benefit (Help with their Rent) and Council Tax Support (Help with their Council Tax).

If you are a member of a couple and your partner is **not** a student, then you can claim Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support using your **joint** income and circumstances.

In all other cases, a full-time student, or a couple, both members of which are students, will only be able to claim benefit if they are :-

- Responsible for a dependent child or children.
- A pensioner.
- Getting Income Support, Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- Disabled.
- Aged under 21 where the course of study is **not** higher education and the course started before the age of 19.
- Aged under 20 on approved training which started before the age of 19

However, not all students can get Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support.

Students who live in an educational establishment (e.g. Halls of Residence) will not be able to claim.

What do you have to do?

You must fill in the on-line Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support application form as well as the additional information asked for on this form. Please answer all the questions on this form and return it us at the address shown overleaf.

Personal Details

1. Name of Student

2. Address

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3. Are you a British Citizen? Yes ☐ No ☐

If No what is your nationality?

4. Are you allowed to stay in the UK indefinitely? Yes ☐ No ☐

5. What is the name of the college or University you attend?

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6. What is the name of your course?

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7. What is the length of your course? (E.g. 3 Years etc.)

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8. What is your current year of study? (e.g. 1st, 2nd etc.)

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9. Please give the exact dates of each term for this academic year

1ST Term

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To

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2nd Term

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3rd Term

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Any additional weeks

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10. If you are on a sandwich course please state the dates of your periods of work experience.

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11. Please state the total number of weeks in your academic year

Income Details

1. Do you receive a Student Loan or Grant?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, how much do you receive per year?

£.....

Please send in a screen print of your Student Finance breakdown from your on-line account
Please note we cannot accept the scheme of payments

2. Do you receive financial support from your
Parents or Family?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, please state the annual amount you receive

£.....

(Please provide written confirmation from the person making the payment)

3. Do you receive any Scholarships/ Bursaries
Studentships / Sponsorship?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, please state the gross annual amount you receive

£.....

What period does this cover

From

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To

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(Please send in documentary evidence of this award)

5. Have you an appeal pending or are you waiting for notification of any other income?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes please give details

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Other Information

A Please give your address during the summer vacation if it is different to your term time address.

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B Does your rent reduce during the summer vacation? Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes , please state the amount charged during the summer vacation

£_____per week/ month

Please return this form as soon as possible. If you would like help to fill in this form, or want to ask us anything about your claim please contact us online at **www.stockport.gov.uk/bencontactus**

You can also call in and talk to someone at the **Stockport Direct Centre** located at Fred Perry House, Edward Street, Stockport or any of the **Stockport Local Direct Centres**.

Please print, scan and email the completed form to benefits@stockport.gov.uk quoting only your claim number in the subject line of your email or you can post the completed form to:

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