

Housing Benefit

Housing Benefit is administered by Glasgow City Council on behalf of the Government.

Each Scottish local authority administers this benefit for their own area.

What is Housing Benefit?

Housing Benefit helps you pay your rent if you are on a low income. You don't have to be unemployed or retired to claim - anyone on a low income can apply. The amount of Housing Benefit you get is worked out by looking at:

- How much money you have coming in.
- You and your households personal circumstances and the amount of rent you have to pay, as well as the number of bedrooms you and your household require
- The amount of savings you have (more than £16,000 will normally disqualify you).

In order to make a claim you must provide proof of your identity, National Insurance number, income, savings and all capital. If you have a partner, this information is also required from them. If you are living together as a couple your income is assessed jointly.

If there are any other adults living in your household you must also provide proof of their identity, National Insurance number and details of their income.

N.B. Universal Credit claimants cannot make a claim for Housing Benefit and will have to ensure that their Housing Costs are included in their Universal Credit claim.

If you wish a Benefit Check done to see if you qualify for Housing Benefit please contact one of our Welfare Rights Officers who will be happy to do a Benefit Check for you and if the Benefit Check shows you have an underlying entitlement to Housing Benefit will assist you with the completion of a Housing Benefit Application form.

How do I apply for Housing Benefit?

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17165>