

Local Housing Allowance Rates for February 2012

Local Housing Allowance is the scheme that is used to calculate Housing Benefit for people on a low income who rent from private landlords.

How much Local Housing Allowance you may get depends on:

- Where you live
- Who lives with you, their age and gender
- How much money you have coming in
- What savings you have
- How much rent you are charged

To work out how much you may get you need to know how many bedrooms you are allowed. 1 bedroom is allowed for:

- Each adult couple
- Any other person (aged 16 or over)
- Any two children of the same sex aged under 16
- Any two children aged under 10
- Any other child

The number of bedrooms you are allowed may not necessarily be the same as the number of bedrooms actually in your property

A shared accommodation rate applies to:

- Single people under 25
- Single people over 25 without children and non dependants who share facilities with other people who are not members of the same household
- Couples without children and non dependants who share facilities with other people who are not members of the same household.

The Shared accommodation rate will also apply to single people under 35 who live on their own from 1st January 2012.

The rates shown below should help you to work out the **maximum** rent figure which is used to calculate your benefit entitlement. The amount of benefit you are entitled to will be affected by the income and capital you receive.

Barnsley is split into 4 areas, although the majority of properties fall within the Barnsley area, some do fall under Sheffield, Kirklees and Doncaster.

These rates are valid until 29 February 2012

Number of bedrooms	Barnsley (£)	Sheffield (£)	Kirklees (£)	Doncaster (£)
Shared accommodation rate	56.50	60.00	55.00	53.00
1 bedroom	70.00	91.15	78.46	75.00
2 bedrooms	86.54	104.50	95.00	92.31
3 bedrooms	95.08	114.23	114.23	103.85
4 bedrooms & above	138.46	150.00	144.23	137.31

If you would like further assistance, please contact the Housing Benefit Office on 01226 774743

Changes in your circumstances may affect your benefit. Do not delay in reporting any changes to the Housing Benefit Office.



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