



Chiltern
District Council



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Discretionary Housing and Council Tax Payment

What is a Discretionary Payment?

Discretionary Housing Payments and Discretionary Council Tax Support are available to help alleviate financial hardship where you have a liability to pay rent and Council Tax on a short term basis.

The payments would top-up any Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Support you receive and we would advise you of what these separate amounts are.

How do I qualify for a Discretionary Payment?

In order to get additional help, you must first be entitled to some Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Support. If you do not receive any Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Support, you cannot receive a discretionary payment.

Examples of how a Discretionary Payment can help

If your rent has been restricted due to the size criteria within Social Housing because the home you live in has more bedrooms than you require.

Or

If you have a non-dependant living with you and a deduction is made from your benefit you may be able to receive a Discretionary payment.

Or

You are required to pay more Council Tax than you can afford.

The above are just examples of when a Discretionary Payment might be awarded, but there may be other circumstances which are causing you severe financial hardship that we can consider.

How to I apply?

You can apply by completing and returning the form with this leaflet to the relevant Council below.

Chiltern District Council,

Revenue and Benefits Section, King George V House, King George V Road, Amersham HP6 5AW
We will reply to you in writing, telling you about our decision.

South Bucks District Council,

Revenue and Benefits Section, Capswood, Oxford Road, Denham UB9 4L
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