

changes in circumstances

Once you receive Housing Benefit any change in your address, income, household members or capital must be reported promptly to the Council's Housing Benefit section. Details of this requirement are also on the back of any Housing Benefit notification letter you receive. If there is anything specific to young people that you feel should be included in a leaflet to help others please inform a member of the Benefit Staff at Breckland or Forest Heath council or write it on this form and return your request to the council.

Thank you for your help

Please also see our leaflet Housing Benefit. A scheme to help you pay your rent. If you prefer independent advice; why not contact:

- Welfare Rights officer
- Any Advice Centre, Citizens' Advice Bureau or Law Centre

Information you would like included in a leaflet to help young people with their housing benefit enquiries:

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students

Most students cannot claim help with their housing costs. Students with dependant children, or disabilities may receive help. However, if a student has a partner living with them who is not a student then the partner should make the claim for help with the rent on behalf of the couple.

Full-time Students could be exempt from paying Council Tax and you need to inform the Council Tax section if you are a student. If someone is receiving Child Benefit for you, you will not be entitled to help through the Housing Benefit scheme.

renting from a private landlord

If you are under 25 and live on your own in accommodation provided by a private landlord, your housing benefit will normally be assessed using an average rent for a bed-sit in the area.

Any benefit may be paid directly to your landlord every four weeks or directly to yourself every four weeks. Any benefit due is always paid in arrears.

Discretionary Housing Benefit

If you have exceptional circumstances and we are not paying your full rent, you may be entitled to Discretionary Housing Benefit. Please ask for details.

non-dependant deductions

If you live with someone (other than your partner) any Housing Benefit they receive will be reduced there is a leaflet available about non-dependant deductions available from Breckland and Forest Heath Councils that will give you details of how much you will be expected to contribute toward the household's rental costs.

If someone receives Child Benefit for you then non non-dependant deduction will be made. This does not apply if you are a Full-Time student (and not in full time work) or if you are on an approved Youth Training course for which you receive an allowance only. Non-dependant deductions do apply for those who are apprentices.

back to work

If you have been unemployed and claiming Job Seekers Allowance or Income Support for 28 weeks or more and your Job Seekers Allowance stops because you have found work, any housing benefit you receive may continue for four weeks after your return to work providing you claim this. You need to speak to staff at the Job Centre when you tell them about your job and they will help you to claim and certify to the authority that you have been unemployed for 28 weeks.

self employed

If you self employed you will need to provide evidence of your income. Housing Benefit does legislation does not assess income from self-employment in the same way as the Inland Revenue. Therefore accounts will be needed. If your business is new then a predicted income will be needed with evidence of what had already been earned and the basis of the estimate.