

## Changes to Housing Benefit:

We are here for you

DO you claim Housing Benefit and have money deducted because someone lives with you?

Now is the time to make sure you are having the right amount taken off your benefit as the amounts will be increasing in April.

When you have someone living with you who is eligible to work, then you may have reductions in your Housing Benefit, which you claim to pay your rent.

You can work out how much you should be getting deducted using the following steps:

1) Firstly you need to find out how much their wages are before any tax etc is taken off. This information should be on their pay slips.

2) Using the tables below you can then check what the amount the person who lives with you earns, and the corresponding amount you should be getting deducted from your Housing Benefit.

The amounts shown take into account the four non payable weeks that you get as a North Lincolnshire Homes tenant.

Top line wages (per week)	Current amount deducted
Under £120.00	£8.02
£120.00 to £177.99	£18.42
£178.00 to £230.99	£25.30
£231.00 to £305.99	£41.38
£306.00 to £381.99	£47.13
£382.00 or over	£51.73

Top line wages (per week)	Amount from April 2011
Under £122.00	£10.18
£122.00 to £179.99	£23.35
£180.00 to £233.99	£32.07
£234.00 to £309.99	£52.49
£310.00 to £386.99	£59.80
£387.00 or over	£65.65

REMEMBER if there are two or more of you who are eligible to work, the amount you have deducted will increase.

No reduction is made if they are a student; are aged between 18 and 24 and get Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based) or Income Support; have just started getting Employment and Support Allowance or get Pension Credit.

If you think you are paying the wrong amount get in touch with North Lincolnshire Council straight away on 01724 296131.

Remember, we are here to help. If you need further advice with your benefits, contact our Welfare, Benefits and Debt Advice Officer, Tricia Stoney, on (01724) 279900



Don't delay! You could be due more help with your rent!