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Housing and council tax
benefits service



Benefits for you

Could you be
paying less
council tax
or rent?



If you are on a low income then **council tax benefit** could help pay towards some of your council tax bill even if you own your own home and whether or not you work.

You can still apply for **second adult rebate** if you are not on a low income yourself, but are the council tax payer and have another person over 18 living in your home who is on a low income. This could give you a discount of up to 25% off your bill.

If you are a tenant or pay ground rent you may also be able to get help with your rent by claiming **housing benefit**. You can claim housing and/or council tax benefit/or second adult rebate on the same claim form.

You can get more information about these benefits by visiting the council's website: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk.

Please use our benefits calculator as this will give you an idea as to whether you are eligible for any help.

We will tell you what information and evidence you will need to provide with your claim. If we receive a completed claim form with everything we need to process your claim at the start we will fast track your claim and will aim to process it within 2 working days.

Have you claimed before but not been entitled?

Please see our **benefits newsletter** or visit our public website for benefits legislation changes which could mean that you may become or are now eligible for some help.

For any further information you can contact the benefits service on 01344 352010 or minicom: 01344 352045 or email: benefits@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

For those aged 60 or over you may be entitled to **Pension Credit**. See website: www.thepensionservice.gov.uk or call the claim line 0800 99 1234 or complete the coupon on the next page.



If you wish to make a claim for housing or council tax benefit or find out if you might be entitled to Pension Credit please complete the coupon below and send to:

Benefits Service
Bracknell Forest Council
Time Square
Market Street
PO Box 3781
Bracknell
Berkshire RG12 1HJ.

I wish to claim council tax benefit and/or housing benefit.

I am aged 60 or over and wish to find out if I might be entitled to Pension Credit.

I understand you will forward my details to the Local Pension Service who will contact me.

Name:

Date of birth:

Telephone number:

Address:

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Postcode:

Date: