

# Council Tax Support Change

## April 17

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### Council Tax Support

**Council Tax Support** helps you to manage your **Council Tax bill** if you're on a low income.

It can currently cover up to 100% of your Council Tax costs depending on your circumstances.

### Who is affected?

These changes will affect everyone of working age from 18yrs, even if you qualified for full council tax support previously.

You won't be affected if you're of pension age.

For full terms and conditions contact [www.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/Counciltaxsupport.aspx](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/Counciltaxsupport.aspx)

### Changes from April 17

From **April 2017**, the maximum amount of **Council Tax Support** that you can be awarded is being reduced which means that if you're of working age from 18yrs:

- **You can expect to pay at least 12.5% of your Council Tax**
- **This is approximately £100 - £130 a year.**

You'll also now be means tested on all your capital (money, savings and investments) above £3000

You will receive your new **Council Tax** bill at the beginning of March 17 from Bolton Council.

### How to get help and support

**From March 17**, the Council will make up to £400,000 available via a **Discretionary Fund** to reduce the impact on those with a limited income.

We encourage you to contact the **Bolton Council's Council Tax Section** on **01204 331599** and ask them if you qualify for any discounts, exemptions or **Discretionary Funding** based on your circumstances.

**To make an online claim go to:**

[www.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/Discretionaryhousingpayments.aspx](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/Discretionaryhousingpayments.aspx)

### Contacting Bolton Council

You can apply to **Bolton Council** online, by phone or in person to make a DHP claim.

**Contact details for Bolton Council:**

**Phone: 01204 331599**

**In person: One stop shop Bolton**

**Email: [council.tax@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:council.tax@bolton.gov.uk)**

**Write to:  
Council Tax,  
PO Box 32,  
Bolton,  
BL1 1RX**

### Other help and support

- **Bolton at Home Tenant's** - you can contact our **Money Advice Team** on **01204 329868** and we will support you with your discretionary fund application. We also offer budgeting support.
- **Citizens Advice** - ask us when your local drop in session is held at our UCAN Centers - **01204 328000**
- **Bolton's Money Skills** - offer budgeting support **01204 33 2916**