

Local Housing Allowance

Room Rates

Rates valid from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2020

| Number of Bedrooms | Category | Weekly Amount | Monthly Amount |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 bedroom with shared facilities | A | £57.34 | £248.47 |
| 1 bedroom self contained | B | £98.87 | £428.44 |
| 2 bedrooms | C | £120.29 | £521.26 |
| 3 bedrooms | D | £132.00 | £572.00 |
| 4 or more bedrooms | E | £173.41 | £751.44 |

(Rates are frozen from 2016/17 to 2019/20)

Please note this is the *maximum* amount of LHA you will get - your actual benefit may be less depending on the amount of money you have coming in and if other adults apart from your partner live with you.

Local Housing Allowance - Size Criteria

Your Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rate will depend on how many people live in your household.

One bedroom is allowed for:

- Every adult couple (married or unmarried).
- Any other adult aged 16 or over.
- Any two children of the same sex aged under 16.
- Any two children regardless of sex aged under 10.
- Any other child (under 16).
- Most single claimants **under 35 years** old will only be entitled to the 1 bedroom shared LHA rate (category A).
- Single claimants **over 35 years old** and couples with no dependant children will be entitled to the 1 bedroom self contained LHA rate (category B) providing they have exclusive use of other facilities such as a their own bathroom, toilet and kitchen/cooking facilities or exclusive use of at least two rooms (counting only bedrooms and living rooms).

From 1 April 2011, the maximum LHA rate payable is for 4 bedrooms