



Council tax information for students studying in Edinburgh

Edinburgh Council Tax Information

Only **full-time** students are exempt from paying Council Tax.

Exemption means that you have no Council Tax to pay. You are exempt from paying if you live alone, or with other full-time students. If you live with other adults who are not exempt, you may be entitled to a discount on Council Tax – check with your local council.

If you are a student living in private student accommodation (Halls) then the property is exempt from Council Tax so you don't need to claim an exemption. The Reception Staff at your accommodation will give you further details.

For Council Tax purposes, a **full time student** is someone who is enrolled at a College or University in the UK for 21 hours or more per week for at least 24 weeks in each academic year.

When to apply

If you are a **full time** student you can claim a Council Tax discount or exemption after 2 weeks of starting your course, **if you are living in Edinburgh during your studies, please advise the Faculty Office giving your full address – FacultyOfficeEdinburgh@sruc.ac.uk**. A list of students residing in Edinburgh is sent by the Faculty Office to Edinburgh City Council giving dates of study.

Once this list is received by Edinburgh City Council, you will be advised to enrol with them - follow link below to complete the process.

<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20111/discounts-and-exemptions/533/reduction-for-students>

It is your responsibility to ensure that your details are correct each year of your course and should you change address during the year, you must advise the Faculty Office.

Summer break

As long as your course is continuing into the next academic year, the discount or exemption will continue throughout the summer period. If your course ends and you are starting another course after the summer, the discount or exemption will end and you will need to reapply with details of your new situation.

Part-time students

Part time students cannot claim a Council Tax discount or exemption but may be entitled to Council Tax Benefit which is assessed on income. If you are not sure whether you can claim please email incomeandbenefits@edinburgh.gov.uk for advice.



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