

## Further information

Telephone the Benefits team on 0116 2727510

visit your Housing Benefit department at Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough, Leicester. LE19 2EP

look on our website [www.blaby.gov.uk](http://www.blaby.gov.uk)  
email us [benefits@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@blaby.gov.uk)  
or visit [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)

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This document can be made available on request, in other languages and formats (large print, Braille or on audio tape) by contacting:

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## Benefits Section Customer Services

**Working out your  
Local Housing  
Allowance if you are  
under 25**

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**Local Housing Allowance is a new way of working out new claims for Housing Benefit for tenants renting accommodation from a private landlord. It also affects tenants already getting Housing Benefit who move into accommodation rented from a private landlord. Local Housing Allowance is being introduced on 7 April, 2008. If you live in council accommodation or other social housing, Local Housing Allowance will not affect you.**

To work out how much benefit you might get you need to find out what Local Housing Allowance rate your benefit will be based on.

If you are aged under 25, are single and do not live with any dependants, you can only get the Local Housing Allowance shared room rate. You can get this from us on 0116 2727510 or at [www.blaby.gov.uk](http://www.blaby.gov.uk)

You also need to find out if you can get the full amount of benefit.

The amount of benefit you can get may be affected by:

- any money you have coming in
- any savings you have
- how much your rent is
- if you share paying the rent with someone else

For more information about this, please get in touch with us at the address below.

There are extra rules if you are:

a care leaver aged under 22  
severely disabled

### **Joint tenants**

If you are a joint tenant this might affect the benefit you can get. For more information about joint tenants, please get in touch with us at the address below.

### **What if my rent is less than the Local Housing Allowance rate that applies to me?**

If your rent is up to £15 less than the Local Housing Allowance rate that applies to you, any benefit you might get will still be based on this rate. If your rent is more than £15 less than the Local Housing Allowance rate that applies to you, any benefit you may get will be based on a lower rate.

### **Can I appeal if I disagree with the Rent Officer's calculation of the Local Housing Allowance rates?**

No, you will not be able to appeal in these circumstances. Once the rates have been decided, these will be in force for the whole month, and once applied to the claim, will apply until the claim reaches its one year anniversary date or there is a relevant change of circumstances.