

# Paying your Council Tax

## Council Tax charges 2020/21

How much you pay depends on which band your house is in. The Lothian Valuation Joint Board (LVJB) decides which band each home is in. You can check your band on the Scottish Assessors website at [saa.gov.uk](http://saa.gov.uk) or call them on **0131 344 2500**.

This year councillors agreed a 4.79% increase across all bands.

Band	Council Tax 2019/20	Council Tax 2020/21
A	£851.60	£892.39
B	£993.53	£1,041.13
C	£1,135.47	£1,189.86
D	£1,277.40	£1,338.59
E	£1,678.36	£1,758.76
F	£2,075.78	£2,175.21
G	£2,501.58	£2,621.41
H	£3,129.63	£3,279.55

## Scottish Water

Scottish Water's household water and sewerage charges increased by 0.9%. You'll see these charges on your Council Tax bill because we collect them on behalf of Scottish Water.

For more information go to [scottishwater.co.uk/charges](http://scottishwater.co.uk/charges) or call them on **0800 0778 778**.

Band	Council Tax 2020/21	Water	Sewerage	Total
A	£892.39	£138.24	£160.50	£1,191.13
B	£1,041.13	£161.28	£187.25	£1,389.66
C	£1,189.86	£184.32	£214.00	£1,588.18
D	£1,338.59	£207.36	£240.75	£1,786.70
E	£1,758.76	£253.44	£294.25	£2,306.45
F	£2,175.21	£299.52	£347.75	£2,822.48
G	£2,621.41	£345.60	£401.25	£3,368.26
H	£3,279.55	£414.72	£481.50	£4,175.77

## How to pay your Council Tax

### Direct debit

Most people pay by direct debit – it's the quickest, safest and easiest way to pay your Council Tax. You can pay over 10 or 12 months on 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> or last day of the month or pay in one annual instalment on 30 April every year.

- set up your direct debit at [edinburgh.gov.uk/counciltaxdirectdebit](https://edinburgh.gov.uk/counciltaxdirectdebit)
- call us on **0131 608 1111**

### Other ways to pay

- pay each instalment online using a credit or debit card at [edinburgh.gov.uk/paycounciltax](https://edinburgh.gov.uk/paycounciltax)
- make a bank payment – sort code: 830608, account number: 00740589
- use our 24-hour payment line **0800 783 1719** and select option 1
- pay at the Post Office or PayPoint – contact us for a payment card on **0131 608 1111**

## Help in paying your Council Tax

You may be able to get help in paying your Council Tax if you are on a low income and you have less than £16,000 in savings.

You might also be able to get a discount or an exemption, for example if you are the only person living in your property, or live with someone who is a student or severely mentally impaired.

For a full list of reductions and how to apply:

- see the back of your bill
- go to [edinburgh.gov.uk/counciltax](https://edinburgh.gov.uk/counciltax)
- call us on **0131 608 1111**.

## Help in paying your rent

If you are finding it hard to pay your rent due to 'under occupancy' or your housing benefit / universal credit housing costs doesn't cover all your rent, we might be able to help with a discretionary housing payment.

- [edinburgh.gov.uk/discretionaryhousingpayments](https://edinburgh.gov.uk/discretionaryhousingpayments)
- call us on **0131 608 1111**

## How your Council Tax is spent

We deliver a vast range of services to people who live and work in Edinburgh. In 2020/21 we'll spend over £1 billion on services and investing in our priorities. This includes:

### Reducing poverty

- £77 million on early years services - 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare planned by August 2020
- £2.5 billion to build 20,000 affordable new homes by 2027 with our partners
- £3.6 million to improve pupil attainment, achievement and attendance, as well as the £7 million from Scottish Government Pupil Equity Funding
- free school meals to almost 5,000 pupils and all pupils in P1-P3
- £0.5 million for clothing grants
- an extra £2 million to improve temporary accommodation and early intervention and prevention initiatives
- over £25 million for people who need help paying their Council Tax.

### Sustainability - working towards being carbon-neutral by 2030

- £29.5 million for the Zero Waste treatment centre at Millerhill which will provide power to more than 30,000 homes
- another £10.7 million to finish upgrading our street lighting to energy-efficient LED lights
- £17.8 million (over ten years) for cycling projects
- tram extension to Newhaven including £2.4 million to support local businesses
- £12.6 million to replace more than 200 vehicles with lower-emissions ones

### Health and Wellbeing

- £10 million to complete Meadowbank Sports Stadium
- £2 million for community mental health support and school counselling
- £3.5 million in grants to improve mental health and wellbeing, learning and development and to support personal and social development

## Where our income comes from

