

Paying your Council Tax

Council Tax charges 2024/25

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 www.saa.gov.uk or call them on **0131 344 2500**.

This year councillors have agreed to not to increase charges across all Council Tax bands in 2024/ 25.

Band	Council Tax 2023/24	Council Tax 2024/25
A	£965.13	£965.13
B	£1,125.98	£1,125.98
C	£1,286.84	£1,286.84
D	£1,447.69	£1,447.69
E	£1,902.10	£1,902.10
F	£2,352.50	£2,352.50
G	£2,835.06	£2,835.06
H	£3,546.84	£3,546.84

The Scottish average Band D Council Tax figure for 2023/24 was £1,417.00.

Scottish Water

Scottish Water's household water and waste water (sewerage) charges increased by 8.78%. You'll see these charges on your Council Tax bill because we collect them on behalf of Scottish Water.

For more information go to www.scottishwater.co.uk/charges, email help@scottishwater.co.uk or call their free 24 hour helpline on **0800 0778778**.

Band	Council Tax 2024/25	Water	Sewerage	Total
A	£965.13	£168.60	£195.66	£1,329.39
B	£1,125.98	£196.70	£228.27	£1,550.95
C	£1,286.84	£224.80	£260.88	£1,772.52
D	£1,447.69	£252.90	£293.49	£1,994.08
E	£1,902.10	£309.10	£358.71	£2,569.91
F	£2,352.50	£365.30	£423.93	£3,141.73
G	£2,835.06	£421.50	£489.15	£3,745.71
H	£3,546.84	£505.80	£586.98	£4,639.62

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 1st, 5th, 16th or last day of the month or pay in one annual instalment on 30 April every year.

- set up your direct debit at www.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 www.edinburgh.gov.uk/paycounciltax
- make a bank payment – sort code: 83-06-08, 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 www.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 the benefit cap 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.

- www.edinburgh.gov.uk/discretionaryhousingpayments
- call us on **0131 608 1111**

Council's approved budget for 2024/25

The Council's £1.5bn spending programme stays true to its core commitments of tackling poverty and inequality, becoming a net-zero city by 2030 and 'getting the basics right' for the residents of Edinburgh. The approved budget includes an additional £27m for schools and young people and £12.5m of further investment in roads, pavements, lighting and drainage improvements.

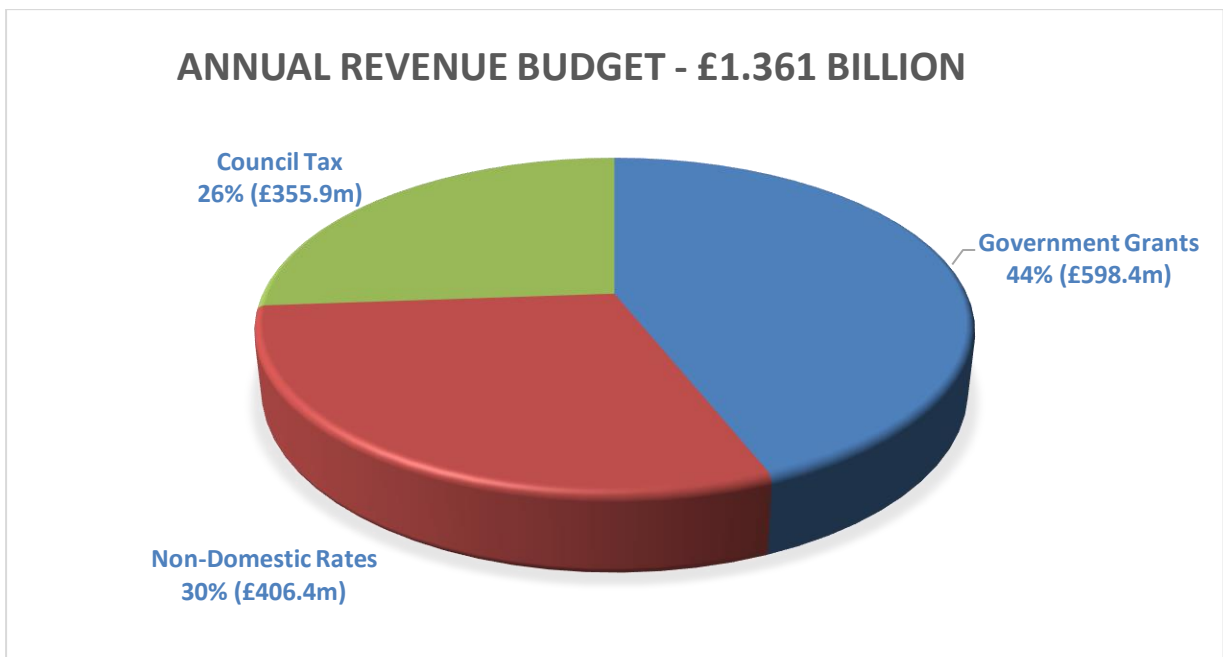
Council Tax will be frozen and money will be ringfenced from a 7% rent rise for tenants to tackle the city's housing emergency. This rent increase could raise around £2bn over 10 years to repair, upgrade and retrofit housing and to build and buy much-needed social and affordable homes.

Funding for poverty fighting projects includes £100,000 for a Youth and Community Welfare Transition Fund, £25,000 to support the Big Hoose project which helps families experiencing hardship with household items, £500,000 towards child poverty reduction and close to a further £3m towards the city's homelessness spend.

Boosting the biodiversity of Edinburgh's award-winning parks and greenspaces, £600,000 will be put towards climate improvements, with additional funds for tree planting and new climate jobs. Up to £750,000 extra every year for three years will be spent on a rolling programme of localised and coastal flood prevention, acting on the city's ambitious Climate Ready Plan, while closer to £900,000 will be directed towards a 'Scrub our Streets' deep clean.

In order to balance the budget, councillors also agreed raise to fees and charges such as pay and display parking and to update the council's approach to pensions administered by the Lothian Pension Fund, subject to decisions made by the Pensions Committee and at no impact to employees.

Where our income comes from



The Council Tax income figure shown includes £27.5m of Council Tax Reduction Scheme funding.