

Paying your Council Tax

Council Tax charges 2019 – 2020

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 or call us on **0131 344 2500**.

This year councillors agreed a 3% increase across all bands.

Band	Council Tax 2018/19	Council Tax 2019/20
A	£826.79	£851.60
B	£964.59	£993.53
C	£1,102.39	£1,135.47
D	£1,240.19	£1,277.40
E	£1,629.47	£1,678.36
F	£2,015.31	£2,075.78
G	£2,428.71	£2,501.58
H	£3,038.47	£3,129.63

Scottish Water

Scottish Water's household water and sewerage charges increased by 1.6%. 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 or call them on **0800 0778778**.

Band	Council Tax 2019/20	Water	Sewerage	Total
A	£851.60	£137.04	£159.12	£1,147.76
B	£993.53	£159.88	£185.64	£1,339.05
C	£1,135.47	£182.72	£212.16	£1,530.35
D	£1,277.40	£205.56	£238.68	£1,721.64
E	£1,678.36	£251.24	£291.72	£2,221.32
F	£2,075.78	£296.92	£344.76	£2,717.46
G	£2,501.58	£342.60	£397.80	£3,241.98
H	£3,129.63	£411.12	£477.36	£4,018.11

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 a date that suits you or pay in one annual instalment on 30 April every year.

- set up your direct debit at edinburgh.gov.uk/counciltaxdirectdebit
- call us on **0131 608 1111**

Other ways to pay

- pay each instalment online using a credit or debit card
- 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
- 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 doesn't cover all your rent, we might be able to help with a discretionary housing payment.

- 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 2019/20 we'll spend £1.35 billion* on services for residents, businesses and visitors including:

- £66.7m on new or refurbished primary and secondary schools across the city
- £59.3m on early years services, doubling the hours offered by April 2020
- £48.9m for asset management works, as part of five-year £153m investment programme
- £30m towards fixing potholes and resurfacing roads, as part of four-year £125m roads programme
- £11m to upgrade street lighting to energy efficient LED lights
- £5m to improve active travel and £2.4m on cycling projects.

We'll also invest in:

- Health and Social Care: up to £15.7m of extra investment to reflect increasing demand, new legislation and to contribute to better outcomes for people using our services
- homelessness: fund Rapid Access Accommodation pilot and provide funding for one housing officer in each locality focussed on preventing homelessness building on the £2m of extra investment included in the 2018/19 budget
- supported bus services – £0.250m towards enhanced services in rural west Edinburgh.

We'll also continue to invest in services residents have told us are most important to them, including:

- £7.3m Pupil Equity Funding to close the attainment gap in schools
- £1.5m additional funding for looked-after children (continued from 18/19)
- £3m additional funding for rising rolls, including pupils in need of additional support.

*This includes capital spend.

Where our income comes from

Annual revenue budget £1.032 billion

Council Tax - £294 million

Non-domestic rates - £365 million

Scottish Government grants - £373 million

