

Paying your Council Tax

Council Tax charges 2025/26

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**.

Councillors have agreed to an 8% increase across all Council Tax bands in 2025/26.

Band	Council Tax 2024/25	Council Tax 2025/26
A	£965.13	£1,042.34
B	£1,125.98	£1,216.06
C	£1,286.84	£1,389.79
D	£1,447.69	£1,563.51
E	£1,902.10	£2,054.28
F	£2,352.50	£2,540.70
G	£2,835.06	£3,061.87
H	£3,546.84	£3,830.60

The Scottish average Band D Council Tax figure for 2024/25 was £1,418.00.

Scottish Water

Scottish Water's household water and waste water (sewerage) charges increased by 9.9%. You'll see these charges on your Council Tax bill because we collect them on behalf of Scottish Water.

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

Band	Council Tax 2025/26	Water	Sewerage	Total
A	£1,042.34	£185.28	£214.98	£1,442.60
B	£1,216.06	£216.16	£250.81	£1,683.03
C	£1,389.79	£247.04	£286.64	£1,923.47
D	£1,563.51	£277.92	£322.47	£2,163.90
E	£2,054.28	£339.68	£394.13	£2,788.09
F	£2,540.70	£401.44	£465.79	£3,407.93
G	£3,061.87	£463.20	£537.45	£4,062.52
H	£3,830.60	£555.84	£644.94	£5,031.38

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**

How your Council Tax is spent

Council Tax will be increased by 8%, raising £26m additional funds to protect existing services and invest in priority areas. £296m will be invested in five new school campuses, five extensions, £30m upgrading special schools and £2m in home to school transport.

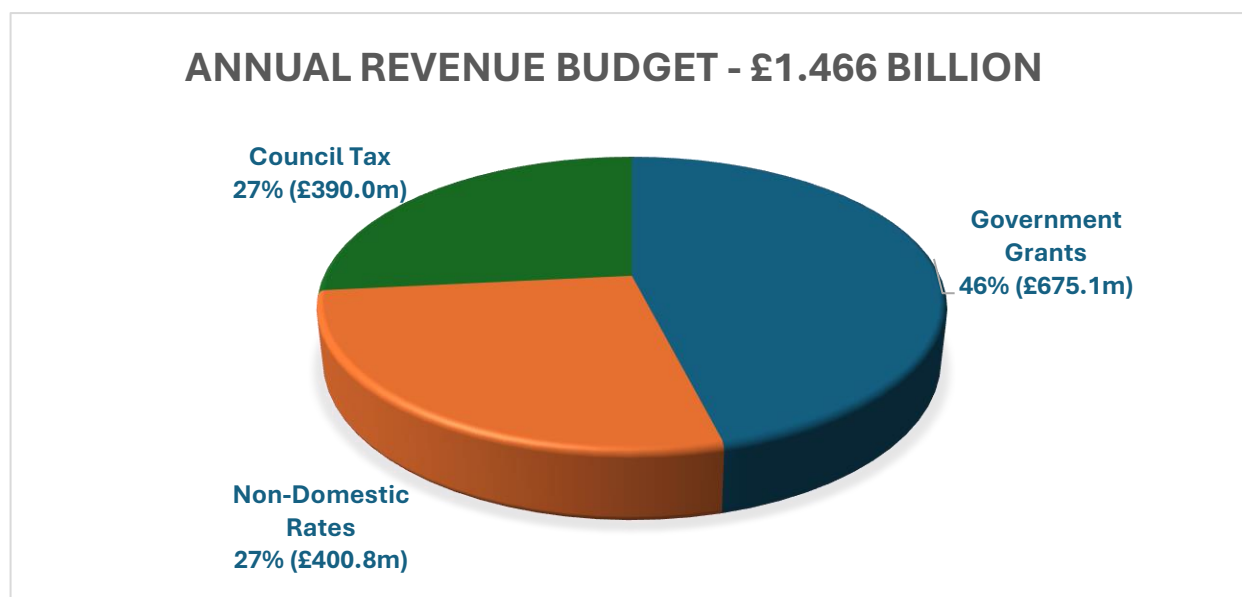
Up to £66m will be spend on Health and Social Care facilities in light of increasing demands for services, a growing and aging population and rising costs of service delivery. Additional funding of £14m will be provided for Adult Health and Social Care plus £5.6m towards adaptations to assist independent living.

Responding to the results of our budget consultation, £40m will be spent on roads and transport in the year ahead. £12.5m this year and next to improve roads, pavements and streetlighting and £6.6m in Safer Routes to School and travelling safety.

£2.9m will support actions with city partners to address Edinburgh climate and nature emergencies, which are a key priority of the Council. Supporting investment in 3,500 affordable, net zero homes as part of the transformation of Granton Waterfront will be taken forward. £15m is planned to replace Blackhall Library, while £0.5m will be used to increase enforcement to keep the city cleaner and safer, along with £0.5m investment in creating better data to support local decision making.

The continued commitment to reduce poverty and tackle the city's housing emergency will see £50m put towards purchasing and building suitable temporary accommodation for people experiencing homelessness. Continuation of work to retrofit high rise blocks and spend £14.8m towards new affordable housing and upgrading void properties, to get them back into use as homes.

Where our income comes from



The Council Tax funding is gross of £29.6m of Council Tax Reduction Scheme funding