

Paying your Council Tax

Council Tax charges 2026/27

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 4% increase across all Council Tax bands in 2026/27.

Band	Council Tax 2025/26	Council Tax 2026/27
A	£1,042.34	£1,084.03
B	£1,216.06	£1,264.71
C	£1,389.79	£1,445.38
D	£1,563.51	£1,626.05
E	£2,054.28	£2,136.45
F	£2,540.70	£2,642.33
G	£3,061.87	£3,184.35
H	£3,830.60	£3,983.82

The Scottish average Band D Council Tax figure for 2025/26 was £1,543.00.

Scottish Water

Scottish Water's household water and waste water (sewerage) charges increased by 8.67%. 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 2026/27	Water	Sewerage	Total
A	£1,084.03	£201.30	£233.58	£1,518.91
B	£1,264.71	£234.85	£272.51	£1,772.07
C	£1,445.38	£268.40	£311.44	£2,025.22
D	£1,626.05	£301.95	£350.37	£2,278.37
E	£2,136.45	£369.05	£428.23	£2,933.73
F	£2,642.33	£436.15	£506.09	£3,584.57
G	£3,184.35	£503.25	£583.95	£4,271.55
H	£3,983.82	£603.90	£700.74	£5,288.46

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 affected by '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**

Further support available

For more information on support that may be available visit www.edinburgh.gov.uk/costofliving.

How your Council Tax is spent

Council Tax will be increased by 4%, raising £15.6m additional funds to protect existing services and invest in priority areas. In addition to the £296m investment in five new school campuses, five extensions, £85.8m is committed to the extensions at Craigmoynton and Queensferry High Schools.

The continued commitment to tackle the city's housing emergency will see around £1.6bn investment for affordable homes and temporary accommodation, including HRA-related investment. This will give the Homelessness service around 2,500 homes for temporary accommodation, 1,100 settled homes at affordable rents, alongside HRA investment for up to 2,300 additional settled homes.

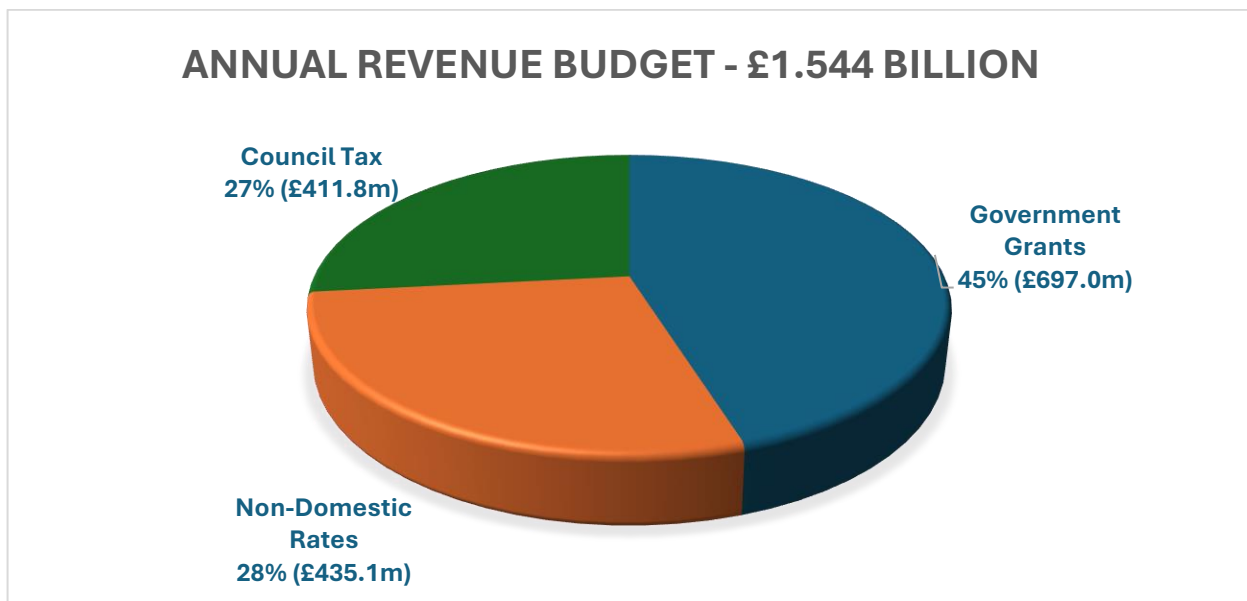
Investment on roads and pavements programme will have a further £25m for two years, following the initial investment of £37.5m over three years, to significantly improve the state of the city's roads. An additional £0.48m has also been agreed towards pothole repairs and white line painting.

The budgeted spend on Children, Education and Communities has increased by £14m compared to last year's budget, with continued investment in education and children's services, including expanded Additional Support Needs staffing and facilities, ensuring better life chance for every child in Edinburgh.

The budget includes an additional £6m to support the Integration Joint Board for Health and Social Care, allowing focus to remain on service stability, transformation and delivery of strategic priorities.

The commitment to reduce poverty and strengthen support for the third sector sees the roll out of Neighbourhood Prevention Partnerships across five local areas to join-up services and make help more accessible. Investment to strengthen support to the third sector includes, £1.4m for providers of money, welfare and debt advice in Edinburgh, £2m Local Community Organisations Fund, £0.5m for Strategic City-Wide fund and £0.5m Neighbourhood Prevention Partnerships fund, along with a Community Council liaison support officer.

Where our income comes from



The Council Tax funding is gross of £30.77m of Council Tax Reduction Scheme funding