

Council Tax

If you own the property you live in or you rent from the Council, a Housing Association or a private landlord you need to register for Council Tax.

You can register online here: [Dundee City Council](#)

However, some full-time students are exempt from paying Council Tax. If all adults in a property are eligible students, then the property as a whole will be exempt from Council Tax. Where a student resides with a non-student adult, a Council Tax charge will apply – the student is not normally liable to pay Council Tax.

Eligibility

In order to qualify for a Council Tax exemption, the student needs to be enrolled on and attending a course which meets the criteria for a Qualifying Course for Council Tax purposes i.e. requires attendance of at least 24 weeks in each academic year; and requires at least 21 hours of study, tuition or work experience each week.

The student needs to register for Council Tax in respect of the property they live in and apply for their discount/ exemption. Dundee City Council will then use information supplied by the College to verify their student status and apply the appropriate discount/ exemption for the relevant period i.e. from the first day of the course to the last day of the course.

When does my exemption start?

Student Property Exemption is generally applied from the commencement of the course. This is most often the official start of the academic session and does not include any induction or registration periods. Please refer to the Academic Calendar for information on official start dates.

Graduating Students

Graduating students cease to be classed as students after their final exam and **not** on the date of their graduation. Students who graduate and commence another course in the September of the same calendar year **do not retain their student status** between the end of exams and matriculation (September) and are therefore liable for Council Tax during this period.

How do I apply for Council Tax discount/ exemption?

You need to submit an application for discount or exemption (this does **NOT** happen automatically).

The College provides a list to Dundee City Council to allow the appropriate exemption to be claimed. These lists are produced after the start of each semester. Once you submit an application for discount or exemption, the council will use the list to verify your student status and your course dates.

You can apply online for a discount or exemption here: [Dundee City Council](#)

