

**Local Housing Allowance is a way of working out new claims for Housing Benefit for tenants renting accommodation from a private landlord. It also affects tenants already getting Housing Benefit who move into accommodation rented from a private landlord. Local Housing Allowance was introduced on 7 April, 2008. If you live in council accommodation or other social housing, Local Housing Allowance will not affect you.**

The table below shows the Local Housing Allowance rates for Flintshire.

Number of bedrooms	Flintshire	Clwyd North	West Cheshire
Shared room rate	£65.00	£65.00	£65.00
1 bedroom	£87.35	£80.00	£103.56
2 bedrooms	£109.62	£106.15	£126.58
3 bedrooms	£126.92	£126.92	£143.84
4 bedrooms	£173.08	£160.38	£195.62
5 bedrooms	£241.74	£180.58	£258.33

To find out how to work out which Local Housing Allowance rate applies to you, you need to work out how many bedrooms you are entitled to. You can use the following information as a guide to work this out.

You are entitled to one bedroom for:

- every adult couple (married or unmarried)
- any other adult aged 16 or over
- any two children of the same sex aged under 16
- any two children aged under 10
- any other child

The above rates are the maximum amount of Local Housing Allowance which you could be entitled to. The amount you will be entitled to will depend on your personal circumstances such as income and capital.

If you are not sure which area your property falls under or have any queries about Local Housing Allowance, you can contact us as follows:

**Telephone:** 01352 704848. This helpline is open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5pm.

**Email:** [benefits@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@flintshire.gov.uk)

**Visit:** Benefit Section, County Hall, Mold. CH7 6NR. Our office for personal visitors is open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5pm and no appointment is necessary.

Remember that this leaflet is a guide only. It is not meant to say exactly what your legal rights are. While we have tried to make sure that the information in this leaflet is correct at the date shown on the cover, it is possible that there may be incorrect information or some ideas may be oversimplified. Also, please remember that the information in this leaflet is likely to become less accurate over time because of changes to the law.