

## Guide to council tax for students

### Do students pay council tax?

Students are not required to pay council tax and will not be included when counting the number of adults who live in a property. If all the residents are students the property will be exempt from council tax.

### Who is treated as a student?

A person is classed as a student if they are:

- taking a full time further or higher education course at an established university, school or college. The course must be for at least one whole academic year, take at least 24 weeks and involve more than 21 hours per week of study, tuition or work experience
- under 20 years old and taking a course which is not higher education but lasts longer than three months and involves more than 12 hours study per week
- studying for a qualification to become a registered nurse, midwife or health visitor
- a foreign language assistant working at an educational establishment and registered with the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges

If you stop your course for any reason you will lose your student status.

People studying through correspondence courses, evening classes or through their employer are not entitled to discounts or exemption.

### How do I claim?

Before they can grant you discount or exemption the council will need you to provide a certificate from your educational establishment confirming your full details and status as a student. They

**If you need this in large print, on tape or in**

বাংলা গুজরাती पंजाबी اُردُو



**01582 51 03 45**

**Full details and advice are available from:**

[www.luton.gov.uk/revenues](http://www.luton.gov.uk/revenues)

[revenues@luton.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@luton.gov.uk)

**Revenues Office**

**4 Dunstable Road Luton LU1 1DX**

**Tel: 01582 51 03 50**

must provide you with a certificate if you ask for one but they might refuse if it is more than a year since you finished your course.

If you live in a house where all the occupants are students you will need to complete a council tax exemption application.

### **What about holidays?**

Student status applies during holidays. But if there is break between completing one course and starting another you will not be classed as a student during that period.

### **What if I own a property elsewhere?**

If you leave your previous home unoccupied to become a student elsewhere then that property will normally be exempt. The exemption will stop if the property becomes occupied at any time or the owner is no longer a student.