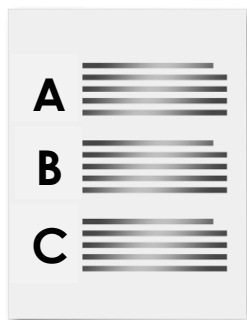


Council Tax Energy Rebate

What is Council Tax?

Council Tax is paid by each household towards their local services. A household is a group of people living in one building.

- All houses are put in a banding or group based on the house's size and value. There are 8 bands.
- Each band is given letter from A – H.
- A letter decides how much it needs to pay to the Council each year.
- Those in Band A pay the least Council Tax. Those in Band H pay the most.



What is the rebate?

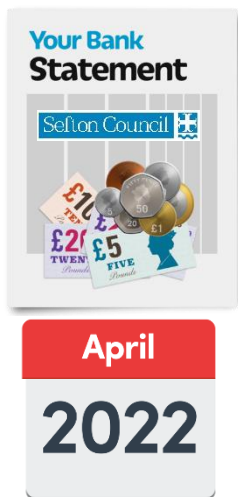
A rebate is when money is given back to those who have paid a bill.

The Government will give **one** payment of £150 to all households in bands A to D.



This is to help them cope with the rising costs of energy.

There has been a big rise in how much it costs for gas and electricity.



How will the rebate be paid?

A Direct Debit is used by some to pay their Council Tax directly from their bank. People who pay this way will get the rebate first.

The rebate will go into the bank where the payment comes. This will be from the end April and in May 2022.

What about people who don't use Direct Debits or their own bank accounts?

There will be a different way to get the rebate for those who

- do not use a Direct Debit to pay their Council Tax.
- use a bank account in someone else's name.



In May 2022 letters will be sent to those households. The letter will explain that an online form needs to be completed.

To complete the online form, you will need

- The code that is just for your household, this is on the letter.
- The Bank details where the money should be paid into.
- Your Council Tax reference number.





We will send a reminder letter.

But, if by the 30th June 2022 we don't have your bank details, we will put the rebate on your Council Tax Account.

Around 40,000 households will be sent this letter. It may take a few weeks for the payment to be paid.

All those who are getting the payment will have it by 30th September 2022.



Households that do not pay Council Tax

Some households do not pay Council Tax. This could be because they are on low incomes, or they do not have to.



These households will be sent the letter asking for them to apply for the rebate.

If your Council Tax bill or exemption notice is in your landlord's name, you cannot apply for the rebate.

Help for those who will not get the rebate?

Sefton Council has been given money to help people who may not get the rebate but need support. This could be people on low incomes who live in houses in bands E – H. The Council will give details on how this support will work soon.

More Information

[Sefton Council's website has more information](#) or search for Sefton Council Tax Energy Rebate.

