

What rate of local housing allowance will I qualify for?

The rate of Local Housing Allowance (LHA) that you qualify for will depend on two factors -

- The number of bedrooms that your household needs (not the size of the property that you are actually living in) and
- The location of your property

It will also make a difference if you live in self-contained accommodation or shared accommodation.

'Shared accommodation' is accommodation where you only have sole use of one room and you share the rest of the facilities, e.g. bathroom, kitchen etc., with other people who also live in the property but who are not part of your household

'Self-contained accommodation' is accommodation where you and your household occupy the whole of the property and do not share it with anyone else

If you live in shared accommodation, your housing benefit entitlement will be based on the 'shared room rate' of LHA.

If you live in self-contained accommodation, the LHA rate that your housing benefit entitlement will be based on will depend on the number of people in your household and the number of bedrooms required.

If you live alone and are under 35, you will only be able to get Housing Benefit based on sole use of a room within a shared house - this is called the shared room rate.

To find out which area your property falls into, to work out the number of bedrooms that you / your household are entitled, and to see the LHA rate that is likely to apply, please go to the following website -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-housing-allowance>

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