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for Work & Pensions, provided you return your form to the Benefits Section within one month.

If you think your Second Adult Rebate should start from an earlier date, you may ask for your entitlement to be backdated.

For more information please read leaflet 15 (Backdating)

How is it paid?

If your claim is successful, your Second Adult Rebate will automatically be credited to your Council Tax account up to the end of the financial year. Any subsequent change in your circumstances will result in adjustments being made to this amount.

Useful numbers

Age Concern (Swindon)	01793 692166
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845 0505155
Community Legal Service Direct	08453 454345
The Harbour Project	01793 490876
Jobcentre Plus	0845 6060234
Millen Advice Point	01793 480606
Parks Advice Point	01793 487934
The Pension Service	0845 6060265
Statton Advice Point	01793 823472
Swindon Racial Equality Council	01793 528545
West Swindon Advice Point	01793 871303
Wiltshire Law Centre	01793 486926

Fraud Hotline

“Do you know someone who is falsely claiming benefit?” Don't let them get away with it. Ring the Fraud Hotline on **01793 464690**

What is Second Adult Rebate?

If you do not qualify for Council Tax Benefit or only qualify for a small amount of Council Tax Benefit and you have non-dependants on a low income, you may qualify for Second Adult Rebate instead.

For more information please read leaflet 12 (Non-dependants)

The rules for Second Adult Rebate are: -

- You do not have a partner who you live with as if you were married or
- You or your partner are disregarded for Council Tax and Non-dependants who live with you are on a low income

You may qualify for up to 100% of your Council Tax liability (see the table below)

How much Second Adult Rebate will you get?

Please remember that Second Adult Rebate is based on the other person's circumstances, not yours, so your income and savings will not affect how much you receive.

If you have more than one Second Adult in your home we will add the gross income of all the Second Adults together before calculating the amount we will deduct from your Council Tax bill. Gross income is the amount received before deductions for income tax, national insurance etc.

The following table shows the amount of Second Adult Rebate we will reduce your Council Tax bill by based on the other person's circumstances.

Other person's circumstances	Amount of Second Adult Rebate
Receiving Jobseekers Allowance (Income Based), Income Support or Pension Credit living with a full time student householder	100% of Tax liability
Receiving Jobseekers Allowance (Income Based), Income Support or Pension Credit	25% of Council Tax liability
Total gross weekly income under £162.00	15% of Council Tax liability
Total gross weekly income between £162.00 and £209.99	7.5% of Tax liability
Total gross weekly income £210.00 and above	NIL

Figures effective from 2005.

How can you claim?

You will need to complete a claim form (HCTB1). Even though it is the person who lives with you whose circumstances determines how much help you will receive, you will have to make the claim yourself.

You can obtain a form by: -



phone on 0845 8500 962 (8.30am- 5.30pm) local call rates apply



making an appointment at our offices at Wat Tyler House West in Beckhampton Street. Opening hours (9.00am-4.30pm)



downloading a form from our website at www.swindon.gov.uk

writing to: The Benefits Office
Swindon Borough Council, Civic Offices
Swindon SN1 2JH

When will the Second Adult Rebate start?

You should claim as soon as you need to. Your Second Adult Rebate will normally start from the date you first made contact with the Benefits Section or the Department