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Council Tax is the system of local taxation used in England, Scotland and Wales to part fund the services provided by local government in each country.

Council Tax Reduction

Council Tax Reduction (CTR) is a discount on a household Council Tax charge, that is administered by local authorities (LA). The discount is dependent on the local authority policy. Claimants are responsible for making a separate claim for a CTR.

Automated data sharing between Universal Credit and LAs means claimants are asked additional questions during their online application for Universal Credit. These questions act as a prompt for the claimant to contact the LA if they wish to apply for CTR and haven't already done so.

The data sharing of personal details and award details exists to allow for the correct assessment of CTR.

If the claimant is not responsible for Council Tax or they do not want to apply for CTR, their details will not be shared with the LA.

Further Information

Claimants requesting further information about Council Tax need to contact their local council or visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk). They can check who has to pay Council Tax, whether any discounts are available and how to pay.