



South Hams
District Council

Housing Benefit Section

Local Housing Allowance Rates

February 2012

Local Housing Allowance is a way of working out the maximum Benefit that might be paid for tenants renting accommodation from a private landlord.

It only applies to those making claims for Housing Benefit or those already claiming who move to privately rented accommodation, on or after 7th April 2008.

The table below shows the weekly Local Housing Allowance rates for the South Hams area:

Claims commencing in: February 2012	Broad Rental Market Area			
	Number of bedrooms	Devon South weekly	Devon South monthly	Plymouth weekly
Shared accommodation rate	£ 63.50	£275.17	£ 69.00	£299.00
1 bedroom	£ 95.00	£411.67	£92.40	£400.40
2 bedrooms	£ 125.00	£541.67	£ 120.00	£520.00
3 bedrooms	£ 150.00	£650.00	£ 138.46	£599.99
4 bedrooms	£ 183.46	£794.99	£ 173.08	£750.01

The Broad Rental Market Area you live in is determined by your postcode and you can contact the Council to find out whether you are in the Devon South or Plymouth area. The Local Housing Allowance figure is shown above. This is for information only. Local Housing Allowance payments are made 2 weekly in arrears.

A rough guide to the number of bedrooms available to you is one bedroom for:

- Each adult couple
- Any other adult (aged 16 or over) in the property
- Any two children of the same sex aged up to 16
- Any two children under 10
- Any other child

Note: single claimants under 25 and single claimants who are joint tenants are covered by different rules. Please contact us to find out more. The maximum number of bedrooms allowed is four.

To make a claim, or for further advice or information please contact us:

By telephone on: **01803 861234** and ask for the Benefit Section, or check the Local Housing Allowance section of the Council's website: www.southhams.gov.uk there is a link on the front page!

This is only a guide to the amount of help you might get.

Housing Benefit is a means tested Benefit. The Local Housing Allowance Rates for each Broad Rental Market Area may change every month.