

FOI 62/2016

REQUEST

I am updating our records to take account of any changes to the council tax support/reduction scheme in Tendring from April 2016.

Please could you tell me if you are making any changes to the calculation of support offered to working-age CTR/CTS claimants (compared to the scheme you operated in 2015/16)?

I am aware number of LAs are making changes to mirror the abolition of family premium (FP) for new claims in housing benefit (for HB the change takes effect from 1 May 2016).

I would be grateful if you could let me know (for working-age CTR/CTS) if you're:-

(a) keeping FP (i.e. no change);

(b) transitionally protecting FP for those who already qualify but not for new claims (ie mirroring HB);
or

(c) removing FP entirely.

If (b) or (c) it would be useful to know from what date that takes effect .

Our records suggest that you've previously removed non-dependant deductions from your working age CTR/CTS scheme - please let me know if this has changed.

RESPONSE

I can confirm that there are no changes to April 2016 Local Council Tax Support Scheme. The scheme is the same as April 2015.

Regarding the Family Premium I can confirm there is no change, we are keeping the family premium for working age customers.

Also I can confirm there are still no non-dependant deductions for working age customers as we add all the household income to the claimants.