



Overpayments of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support



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An overpayment is an amount of Housing Benefit that has been paid to you which you are not entitled to.

An example would be if you failed to report if your income had increased and a recalculation of your entitlement meant you had been paid too much benefit.

Fraudulent overpayment

A fraudulent overpayment may occur when someone has deliberately provided a false statement or document, or has deliberately failed to report a change of circumstances with the intention of obtaining, or retaining, benefit.

If a change in circumstances occurs which reduces the amount of Council Tax Support you are entitled to, rather than being overpaid, you will simply get a revised Council Tax bill to reflect the amount you should have been awarded.

We have a duty under law to recover over-payments from tenants and landlords. We will also consider undertaking criminal proceedings in respect of fraudulent over-payments.

Who has to pay back the overpayment?



How do we recover an overpayment from a tenant?



How do we recover an overpayment from a landlord?



Can I appeal an overpayment?



What will happen if an overpayment is not repaid?





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