

DO I NEED TO PAY COUNCIL TAX?

WHAT IS COUNCIL TAX?

- A tax on residential properties by local authorities ('councils')

DO STUDENTS HAVE TO PAY IT?

- If you live in a property occupied only by full-time students, the property is exempt from Council Tax.
- **Full-time** = 21 hours of study per week; 24 weeks of attendance each year
- You and your flatmates need to:
 - Ask for a 'Council Tax Exemption Certificate' or 'Student Status Letter' from your University
 - Send these to the council (keeping copies for yourselves as well)

IN WHICH COUNCIL AREA DO I LIVE?

- Check online: **www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council**
- Ask your Landlord or Letting Agent

WHAT IF I LIVE IN A MIXED GROUP OF STUDENTS AND NON-STUDENTS?

- If not everyone in your shared flat or house is a full-time student, then some Council Tax will be payable.
- It will be for the group of flatmates to decide how the Council Tax bill will be split between you (as with any other household bill)
- Full-time students cannot, however, be pursued directly by a council for Council Tax