



## Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates for Northants Central and Northampton Broad Rental Market Areas: August 2010

Local Housing Allowance is a new way of working out new claims for Housing Benefit for tenants renting accommodation from a private landlord. It also affects tenants already getting Housing Benefit who move into accommodation rented from a private landlord. Local Housing Allowance is being introduced on 7 April, 2008. If you live in former council accommodation or other social housing, Local Housing Allowance will not affect you. (N.B. Most of Wellingborough BC is covered by Northants Central, a few villages, including Earls Barton and Mears Ashby, come under the Northampton BRMA. See map for details)

The table below shows the Local Housing Allowance rates for Northants Central

Number of bedrooms	Category	Weekly amount
shared room rate	A	£58.00
1 bedroom	B	£86.30
2 bedrooms	C	£109.32
3 bedrooms	D	£126.58
4 bedrooms	E	£172.60
5 bedrooms	F	£207.41

The table below shows the Local Housing Allowance rates for Northampton

Number of bedrooms	Category	Weekly amount
shared room rate	A	£55.00
1 bedroom	B	£103.56
2 bedrooms	C	£126.58
3 bedrooms	D	£138.08
4 bedrooms	E	£189.86
5 bedrooms	F	£235.32

To find out how to work out which Local Housing Allowance rate applies to you, see our leaflet, **HB(LHA)2** *Working out your Local Housing Allowance*, for more details about this. To get this from us, or if you have any queries about Local Housing Allowance, you can:

- phone your Housing Benefit department on 01933 231692
- visit your Housing Benefit department at Council Offices, Tithe Barn Road, Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 1BJ.
- look on our website: [www.wellingborough.gov.uk](http://www.wellingborough.gov.uk)
- email us: [customerservices@wellingborough.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@wellingborough.gov.uk)
- look on the Local Housing Allowance website [www.lha-direct.voa.gov.uk](http://www.lha-direct.voa.gov.uk)

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