

### 37783 £150 Energy Discount in Scotland

I understand that Scottish councils, unlike their English & Welsh counterparts, chose in most cases to distribute a £150 energy support as a discount to a total council tax bill (instead of a rebate, as was the system in England and Wales) I therefore wish to ask...

Whether a discount was the methodology used in your Local Authority area, and if so, how many households in your LA area are eligible for the £150 council tax discount first by DLUHC – and then followed up by devolved powers - in March 2022?

For the avoidance of doubt, I am referring to households eligible for the scheme as per the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance/support-for-energy-bills-the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance>

Payments were made based on the following guidance from Scottish Government (devolved powers) and no reference was made to DLUHC:

[Local government finance circular 2/2022 – Cost Of Living Award April 2022: guidance to local authorities - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

The Cost of Living payment was credited to Council Tax accounts in full before the instalments for 2022/23 were calculated.

146,823 payments were made.

Of these households, how many paid council tax and therefore applying a discount was straightforward, and how many households were exempt from paying council tax, and therefore no discount could be automatically applied?

142,129 straightforward; 4,694 exempt.

For those households exempt from paying council tax, but still eligible for £150 support, what means your Local Authority took to reach those people and process a payment for them – e.g. BACS / postal cheque etc.

Cheques – If the citizen then contacted the department and could not cash this, the cheque was cancelled and a BACS or PayPoint payment alternative was offered.

And for those households exempt but still eligible again, how many have received their £150 payment by July 1st 2022.

4,694

d) And finally how many households exempt but still eligible are still awaiting their £150 payment?

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