



Carmarthenshire County Council
Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates for CARMARTHEN

1ST AUGUST 2010 TO 31ST AUGUST 2010

Number of bedrooms	Category	Weekly amount
Shared accommodation	A	£55.00
One bedroom	B	£75.00
Two bedrooms	C	£95.77
Three bedrooms	D	£109.62
Four bedrooms	E	£135.00
Five bedrooms	F	£169.62

Your Housing Benefit will be based on the Local Housing Allowance rate which applies to you. This will depend on the number of bedrooms you are allowed.

Allow one bedroom for*:

- every adult couple (married or unmarried)
- any other adult aged 16 or over
- any two children of the same sex aged under 16
- any two children who are under ten years old
- any other child (under 16)

We do not count other rooms such as a living room, kitchen or bathroom.

The maximum allowance is for five bedrooms.

Example: an adult couple with one child would need one bedroom for the couple, and one bedroom for the child. So we would use the two bedroom Local Housing Allowance rate to work out their benefit.

*Single people under 25 years old are allowed the one room shared accommodation rate. Single people over 25 years old and couples with no dependent children are allowed the rate for a one-bedroom property, for example a one bedroom flat or a studio or other kind of self-contained accommodation, **provided they actually rent a property of at least this size.**

NB: Your Local Housing Allowance rate can go up or down when your claim is reviewed at the anniversary of your claim.

For more information see leaflet **HB(LHA)1 – Working out your Housing Benefit under the Local Housing Allowance arrangements**. Or you can contact us:

- phone your Housing Benefit department on 01554 742100
- look on our website www.Carmarthenshire.gov.uk
- email us housing.benefit@Carmarthenshire.gov.uk
- visit your nearest customer service centre at:
 3 Spilman Street, Carmarthen
 Ty Elwyn, Llanelli
 Town Hall, Iscennen Road, Ammanford
- visit www.direct.gov.uk
- Write to us at Housing Benefit Section, 2nd Floor, Ty Elwyn, Llanelli, SA15 3AP

Remember that this leaflet is a guide only. It is not meant to say exactly what your legal rights are.