

Housing Benefit Service

The Local Housing Allowance rate for your benefit claim depends on the number of bedrooms you and the people in your household need, not necessarily the number of bedrooms you have.

You are entitled to one bedroom for each of the following: -

- A single claimant
- An adult couple
- Any two children aged under 10
- Any two children of the same sex aged under 16
- Any other person aged 16 or over
- Any other child

You could be entitled to additional bedrooms in certain, specific circumstances, e.g., if you are a foster carer or if anyone in your household receives overnight care or is unable to share a bedroom because of disability. More details can be found on the council's website, www.sefton.gov.uk/benefits

Most single claimants under the age of 35, without responsibility for children are only entitled to the shared accommodation rate of Local Housing Allowance, regardless of the property they rent. Additionally, many claimants of any age, without children, who live in accommodation where facilities such as kitchen or bathroom are shared, are normally only entitled to the shared accommodation rate.

*Local Housing Allowance is capped at the 4-bedroom rate, even if your household occupies or needs more than 4 bedrooms

Local Housing Allowance Rates Effective for 2023/24 (1/3/2023 to 31/3/2024 incl.)	Broad Rental Market Area (BRMA)			
	Greater Liverpool (including South Sefton)		Southport and surrounding areas	
	Weekly (£)	Monthly (£)	Weekly (£)	Monthly (£)
Shared Accommodation	65.25	282.75	76.50	331.50
1 bedroom self contained	92.05	398.88	94.00	407.33
2 bedrooms	108.16	468.69	124.27	538.50
3 bedrooms	120.82	523.55	153.04	663.17
4 bedrooms*	156.00	676.00	189.86	822.73

Greater Liverpool BRMA includes the following districts within Sefton: -

Bootle, Netherton, Crosby, Waterloo, Seaforth, Litherland, Maghull, Lydiate, Aintree, Melling and Sefton Parish

Southport and surrounding areas BRMA includes the following districts within Sefton: -

Southport (all PR8 and PR9 postcodes), Formby, Little Altcar, Hightown & Ince Blundell

The LHA rate will be the maximum amount of benefit you could receive. The actual amount of benefit you may receive will be based on your income, capital and that of others living in your household. However, in any event you will not get more than your actual rent.

How to get more information

Phone: 0345 140 0845

E-mail: contact@sefton.gov.uk **Internet:** www.sefton.gov.uk/benefits

In writing: Sefton Council, Benefits Section, PO Box 21, Bootle, L20 3US

In person at our One Stop Shops: 324-342 Stanley Road, Bootle and Cambridge Arcade, Southport.