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## COUNCIL TAX

Council Tax is a system of local taxation which is paid monthly and covers the costs of local services, such as refuse collections, street lighting, emergency services etc. Everybody over the age of 18 years is obliged to pay and the cost ranges from approximately £100 to £150 per month, depending on the property and the neighbourhood.

Our students who choose to live with a homestay family or in self-catering accommodation, arranged by the school, do not have to pay Council Tax. However, if you choose to live in private accommodation this is an extra cost you need to consider. Full time students in the UK are usually eligible for exemption. However, in recent months Bristol City Council have decided that students on courses at language schools in Bristol must pay this tax. The school is currently trying to campaign for this to be changed but at the present time Council Tax has to be paid.

If you are the only person living in your property then you can apply for a discount of 25%. At present students living in areas of Bristol which are part of South Gloucestershire are still granted full exemption. This includes areas of the city such as Bradley Stoke, Filton and Patchway. However, you will need a car if you live in any of these areas.

Council Tax can be paid by direct debit, online ([www.bristol.gov.uk](http://www.bristol.gov.uk)) or in cash at any local pay-point.



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