
If I moved into C.A.S.S. accommodation would Housing Benefit cover all of my rent?

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This depends on which C.A.S.S. scheme and the type of accommodation you moved into - most residents need to pay something themselves toward the cost of their accommodation (as well as that part of the rent which is paid by Housing Benefit) and if you are working or on a higher level of benefit than Job Seekers Allowance you would need to pay more.

As a general rule (if you are claiming benefits) in schemes where there are furnished flats and where you need to pay all your own bills (gas, electric and water are the biggest ones) you would not need to pay any charges to C.A.S.S.. In schemes where residents live in a shared house or bedsits a charge is made as heating, lighting and furnishings are provided. In 2008 these charges are between £8 - £12 per week.

You would be told what you would need to pay if you are offered accommodation but you can ask about these charges at any point when you are applying to C.A.S.S..