



HOW WE COLLECT AND USE INFORMATION

The Moray Council will use the information we hold about you to process your claim for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction.

We may pass the information to other agencies or organisations such as the Department for Work and Pensions or HM Revenues and Customs, as allowed by law.

We may check information you have provided, or information about you that someone else has provided, with other information held by us.

We may also get information about you from certain third parties, or give them information to:

- Prevent or detect crime
- Protect public funds
- Make sure the information is correct

These third parties include government departments, local authorities and private-sector companies such as banks, organisations that may lend you money and companies that assist us in fraud detection and prevention.

We will not give information about you to anyone else, or use information about you for other purposes, unless the law allows us to.

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction are administered by Local Authorities. The law allows DWP to share information about its customers with Local Authorities for Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction purposes so that they can calculate the correct amount of benefit to pay.

Local Authority staff with responsibility for administering Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction has electronic access to the DWP information they need for this purpose.