



Ministry of Defence

2024/25 CONTRIBUTIONS IN LIEU OF COUNCIL TAX (CILOCT)

1. With effect from 1 April 2024, daily rates of CILOCT are revised as follows:

CILOCT – SERVICE FAMILY ACCOMMODATION (SFA)

SFA Type	£ Daily
I	8.71
II	8.29
III	7.88
IV	6.67
V	6.02
D	5.46
C	5.19
B	4.74
A	3.92

CILOCT – SINGLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION (SLA)

	£ Daily
Officers	0.65
SNCOs	0.46
Other Ranks	0.17

2. DBS is requested to action the new rates of CILOCT effective from 1 April 2024. CDP Remuneration is requested to upload this letter to the website.

3. **Overseas.** All overseas SFA and SLA (or substitute equivalents) are exempt from CILOCT.

CONTRIBUTION IN LIEU OF COUNCIL TAX (CILOCT) - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why has my CILOCT increased?

Increases to CILOCT are linked to Council Tax payments made by Defence to Local Authorities on behalf of SP accommodated in Defence provided accommodation and are subject to the same increases faced by those who pay Council Tax.

How is CILOCT calculated?

Council Tax rates are determined by Local Authorities and the amount paid is based on the type of accommodation occupied. CILOCT is calculated in a similar way but to ensure that SP are not geographically disadvantaged by paying variable rates of Council Tax across the UK, the overall cost is aggregated and then apportioned by accommodation type which results in SP paying a flat rate for their defence provided accommodation, regardless of where in the UK they are living. This is why CILOCT is referred to as a contribution.

What does CILOCT cover?

The CILOCT payment made to Local Authorities is to cover the same services funded by Council Tax:

- a. police and fire services
- b. leisure and recreation projects, such as maintaining parks and sports centres
- c. libraries and education services
- d. rubbish and waste collection and disposal
- e. transport and highway services, including street lighting and cleaning, and road maintenance
- f. environmental health and trading standards
- g. administration and record-keeping, such as marriages, deaths and birth, and local elections.

Do Service personnel pay Council Tax?

Service personnel living in Service provided accommodation are exempt from paying Council Tax under Class O of the Council Tax Order, and instead pay Contributions in Lieu of Council Tax known as CILOCT. This is because Service personnel benefit from the local services provided in their area so the MoD pays a contribution in lieu of Council Tax to Local Authorities at the start of each financial year on behalf of all SP housed in SLA and SFA.

How is CILOCT calculated?

The amount paid to the Local Authorities is calculated by assessing how many properties (including SLA rooms) there are in each Local Authority area, and a prediction on the likely occupation rates of these properties. The total amount paid to the various Local Authorities is then aggregated by accommodation type, with Service Personnel then being charged the average amount for the type of property they reside in. This charge is the 'Contributions in Lieu of Council Tax' or CILOCT that appears on your payslip if you live in SFA or SLA.