Other Changes to Council Tax Support	Brief Description of Change	Туре	Total	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
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Changed savings limit	Those with savings in excess of £16,000 are not entitled to any council tax support (default scheme). Some authorities reduced the savings threshold to £10,000 or £6,000	Inner London	14	1	1	1	1
		Metropolitan	36	7	8	8	8
		Outer London	19	4	4	7	8
		Shire Districts	201	28	36	36	45
		Unitary	56	17	19	20	24
		Total	326	57	68	72	86
Counted other benefits	Some authorities changed the calculation of income used to determine CTR to include other benefits which are excluded from the assessment calculation in the default scheme. Information on this change ceased to be available after 2014/15	Inner London	14	0	0		
		Metropolitan	36	3	3		
		Outer London	19	1	1		
		Shire Districts	201	22	25		
		Unitary	56	4	ŭ		
		Total	326	30	35	0	0
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Second adult rebate	Some authorities reduced or removed the alternative to council tax support through the second adult rebate (which provides for a reduction in council tax where a non partner/spouse who is not liable to pay the council tax is in receipt of benefits/low income)	Inner London	14	7		7	7
		Metropolitan	36	25	27	27	28
		Outer London	19	11	11	13	13
		Shire Districts	201	93		104	109
		Unitary	56	38		39	42
		Total	326	174	186	190	199
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Non Dependent deductions	Some authorities changed CTR calculations to increase the deductions made to take account of the income from other non dependent adults in the households e.g. grown up children. Information on this change ceased to be available after 2014/15	Inner London	14 36	2 12			
		Metropolitan	19	10			
		Outer London Shire Districts	201	41	44		
		Unitary	56	13			
		Total	326	78		0	0
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Limit Band	Some authorities limited the amount of support applicable to claimants in higher banded properties. Generally support was limited to the amount that would be available to a Band C or Band D household	Inner London	14	0	0	1	0
		Metropolitan	36	9	_	10	10
		Outer London	19	2	4	4	4
		Shire Districts	201	35		45	53
		Unitary	56	13		15	18
		Total	326	59		75	85
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Minimum Payment	Some authorities introduced a minimum cash amount of council tax payable by all claimants under CTR schemes irrespective of the individual assessment calculation. This avoided collecting very small amounts as well as reducing the overall cost of council tax support	Inner London	14	2	2	3	2
		Metropolitan	36	10	11	11	11
		Outer London	19	2	2	2	2
		Shire Districts	201	24	26	26	26
		Unitary	56	7	7	8	11
		Total	326	45	48	50	52
Minimum Payment per week	Average (mean)			£2.80	£3.11	£2.92	£2.89
	Median			£2.50	£2.50	£2.25	£2.00
	Most Common (mode)			£5.00	£5.00	£1.00	£1.00
	Maximum			£5.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
	Minimum			£0.50	£0.50	£0.50	£0.50
Taper Rate	Some authorities changed the taper rate (the amount by which	Inner London	14	1	1	2	1
	council tax support is reduced as incomes increase) from the	Metropolitan	36	5	6	4	4
	20% in the default scheme i.e. from each additional £1 of	Outer London	19	3	3	4	4
	income, 20p contributes towards additional council tax. Most	Shire Districts	201	8	5	5	5
	increased the taper reduction so support is removed sooner, a	Unitary	56	7	7	7	7
	few reduced the taper to increase incentive to earn	Total	326	24	22	22	21
Taper Rate	Average Change in Taper (mean)			-3.4%	-4.7%	-4.5%	-4.5%
	Median Change in Taper			-5.0%	-5.0%	-5.0%	-5.0%
	Most Common Change in Taper (mode)			-5.0%	-5.0%	-5.0%	-5.0%
	Largest Increase in Taper			19.8%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
	Largest Reduction in Taper			-10.0%	-10.0%	-10.0%	-10.0%
Backdating rules	Some authorities limited the time under which council tax support claims could be backdated. The default scheme allows working age applicants to back date claims up to 6 months. Information on this change ceased to be available after 2014/15	Inner London	14	3	3		
		Metropolitan	36	10	11		
		Outer London	19	3	3		
		Shire Districts	201	29	33		
		Unitary	56	14	14		
		Total	326	59	64	0	0

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Conditions about starting work	Some authorities changed the circumstances under which	Inner London	14	0	1		
	support can be extended for a transitional period following re-	Metropolitan	36	5	5		
	entry into employment or increased income from employment.	Outer London	19	5	5		
	The default scheme allows four week extension in certain	Shire Districts	201	38	42		
	circumstances. Information on this change ceased to be	Unitary	56	16	17		
	available after 2014/15	Total	326	64	70	0	0
Hardship funds		Inner London	14	2	2	2	2
	Some authorities set up a hardship fund as part of the council	Metropolitan	36	13	13	14	17
	tax support schemes to provide additional financial assistance	Outer London	19	7	7	9	9
	for those facing the greatest difficulty in paying their reduced	Shire Districts	201	58	66	70	74
	council tax bill	Unitary	56	27	27	28	31
		Total	326	107	115	123	133

As identified in the report Kent districts generally left all these issues unchanged from the default scheme. The East Kent Services authorities abolished the second adult rebate

To date only one authority has adopted a radically different approach to council tax support to fundamentally move away from the default scheme and offer banded support according to income