

Orkney Islands Council

Council Tax Charges plus Scottish Water

– water and waste water charges

2025/26



The Council Tax for the financial year 2025/26, to be set in accordance with Section 93 of the Local Government Act 1992, is set at £1,574.60 for a property in Valuation Band D – a 15% increase from 2024/25.

Scottish Water’s water and waste water charges have increased by 9.9% for 2025/26. Orkney Islands Council is not responsible for setting the water and waste water charges but must bill and collect these charges on behalf of Scottish Water. The amount payable will be reduced if a property is not connected to these services.

Each property is given a Council Tax Valuation Band, between A and H, based on its open market value as at 1 April 1991. The Council Tax charge for each Valuation Band is based on a proportion of the Band D amount.

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The following table shows how much will be payable for a household with two or more persons aged 18 years or over.

Council Tax Band	Property Valuation (based on market value as at 1 April 1991)	Council Tax	Water Supply	Waste Water Collection	Total
A.	up to £27,000	£1,049.73	£185.28	£214.98	£1,449.99
B.	over £27,000 to £35,000	£1,224.69	£216.16	£250.81	£1,691.66
C.	over £35,000 to £45,000	£1,399.64	£247.04	£286.64	£1,933.32
D.	over £45,000 to £58,000	£1,574.60	£277.92	£322.47	£2,174.99
E.	over £58,000 to £80,000	£2,068.85	£339.68	£394.13	£2,802.66
F.	over £80,000 to £106,000	£2,558.73	£401.44	£465.79	£3,425.96
G.	over £106,000 to £212,000	£3,083.59	£463.20	£537.45	£4,084.24
H.	over £212,000	£3,857.77	£555.84	£644.94	£5,058.55

A discount of 25% will apply for a household with only one person aged 18 years or over, as shown in the following table.

Council Tax Band	Property Valuation (based on market value as at 1 April 1991)	Council Tax	Water Supply	Waste Water Collection	Total
A.	up to £27,000	£787.30	£138.96	£161.23	£1,087.49
B.	over £27,000 to £35,000	£918.52	£162.12	£188.11	£1,268.75
C.	over £35,000 to £45,000	£1,049.73	£185.28	£214.98	£1,449.99
D.	over £45,000 to £58,000	£1,180.95	£208.44	£241.85	£1,631.24
E.	over £58,000 to £80,000	£1,551.64	£254.76	£295.60	£2,102.00
F.	over £80,000 to £106,000	£1,919.05	£301.08	£349.34	£2,569.47
G.	over £106,000 to £212,000	£2,312.69	£347.40	£403.09	£3,063.18
H.	over £212,000	£2,893.33	£416.88	£483.71	£3,793.92

Contacting the Council

If you would like advice on making payments, paying arrears of Council Tax, or would like advice on other types of Council Tax discounts or exemptions you should telephone the Council on (01856) 873535 Extension 2133 or email: revenues@orkney.gov.uk

You can also write to the Revenues Section, Orkney Islands Council, Council Offices, Kirkwall, KW15 1NY or visit the Council's website at www.orkney.gov.uk.

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