


Why can Members claim for overnight accommodation?

The Board is committed to promoting and supporting diversity and equality. Our aim is to reduce barriers so that the Senedd reflects society, where anyone, no matter their background or circumstances, can become a Member of the Senedd.

Members who live too far from Cardiff to travel there and back in a day need somewhere to stay when working at the Senedd, which can often run late into the evening. Members are therefore provided with a budget for overnight accommodation that ensures that where they live or personal finances do not prevent someone from serving as a Member.

This support is not a perk or luxury; it is a practical measure to ensure that Members from communities in all corners of Wales can take part in Senedd business, providing a more level playing field for all and that they are not left out of pocket when carrying out their duties.



Most private and public sector employees can claim for costs of travel and overnight accommodation when working away from home

Members who live further away from Cardiff (called the Outer Area) can claim for rental costs (up to a limit set by the Board) and any associated costs such as council tax. Members who live closer to Cardiff have a smaller budget for occasional overnight stays when working late or on urgent business.

The accommodation budgets which Members can access are not part of their salary and Members cannot claim for mortgage costs in

the next Senedd. Members can only claim the costs they incur whilst doing their work, so they may not use up all their budget. Receipts and evidence must be provided, claims are checked by the Senedd Commission, and all claims are published online.

Additional accommodation support is available for disabled Members or for Members with caring responsibilities, who may need additional space for those who need to stay with them while they are in Cardiff.

Details of Members' reimbursed overnight accommodation claims are published online at <https://allowances.senedd.wales/>