

Discounts/Disregards

The full Council Tax bill assumes that there are two adults living in a dwelling (as their main home), but there are occasions where you may be entitled to receive a discount.

If only one adult over 18 occupies the property as their main home, the charge will be reduced by 25%. This is referred to as *single occupancy discount*.

There are other occasions where a discount may be applicable. In order to work out if a discount applies, calculate the number of adults living in a property, who do not fall into one of the following groups. If you are left with 2 or more people, there will be no discount. If there is one person, then the bill will be reduced by 25%. If there is no one left, the bill could be reduced by 50%.

DESCRIPTION OF DISCOUNT/DISREGARD	PROOF REQUIRED
People caring for someone with a disability (not a spouse, partner or child under the age of 18)	Need to complete a CARERS application form. Must fulfil criteria on application form
People who normally live in the property but are currently in prison (except those in prison for non-payment of Council Tax or a fine)	Need to complete a PERSON IN DETENTION application form
People who are severely mentally impaired	Need to complete a SEVERELY MENTALLY IMPAIRED application form and provide necessary proof
Full time students	Need to complete a STUDENT application form and provide necessary proof
People aged 18 for whom Child Benefit is still payable	Need to complete a CHILD BENEFIT application form and provide necessary proof
People who are under the age of 20 who have left school/college after 30 th April (they are not counted until 1 st November of that year)	Need to complete a CHILD BENEFIT application form.
Apprentices	Need to complete a APPRENTICE/STUDENT NURSE /TRAINING PROGRAMME TRAINEES application form
Student Nurses	Need to complete a APPRENTICE/STUDENT NURSE /TRAINING PROGRAMME TRAINEES application form
Patients resident in a hospital, nursing or care home	Need name of establishment and telephone number, as confirmation will be sought.
Residents of certain hostels	Will need address and telephone number of hostel , as confirmation will be sought
Non British Diplomats	Need written confirmation from an official source
Non British Spouses of Students	Need to obtain a photocopy of visa and passport details.
Members of religious communities – where person's principal occupation is prayer, contemplation, education, the relief of suffering, or any combination of these. The person must have no income or capital of their own and must be dependent on the community for all their material needs.	Confirmation from head of organisation will be required
Members of International headquarters and Defence organisations	Need written confirmation from an official source
Members and dependants of visiting forces	Need written confirmation from an official source