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APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION - CARERS

Please read the information on page 2 before completing and returning this form to the address above.

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| Council Tax Reference Number | | | |
| Address of Property | | | |
| Daytime telephone number | | | |
| Mobile telephone number | | | |
| Email address | | | |
| Number of people over the age of 18 living in the property | | | |
| Name of the person receiving care | | | |
| Persons to be disregarded: | | | |
| Full Name of Carer | Relationship to person receiving care | Average number of hours spent per week providing care | |
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| Is the person receiving care entitled to any of the following (if yes, please provide evidence) | | | |
| A higher rate attendance allowance | (✓) | The highest rate of the care component of disability living allowance | (✓) |
| An increase in the rate of disablement pension under section 104 of that Act | (✓) | An increase in a constant attendance allowance | (✓) |
| You must notify the Council immediately if any of the above details change | | | |
| Declaration | | | |
| I declare the details given in this application are to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate and the Council may verify this information from appropriate sources. | | | |
| Signed | | Date | |
| This authority is under a duty to protect the public funds which it administers, and to this end may use information held about you for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes. | | | |

CARERS

The full Council Tax bill assumes that there are 2 adults residing in a dwelling. However for Council Tax purposes certain people will not be counted when looking at the number of adults. The effect of disregarding certain adults may be to reduce the Council Tax bill by 25% or 100%.

EXAMPLE 4 adults residing in a property

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| one person in disregarded category | 100% charge as there are still more than 2 adults to be counted. |
| two persons in disregarded category | 100% charge as there are still 2 adults to be counted. |
| three persons in disregarded category | 75% charge as only one adult is to be counted. |
| four persons in disregarded category | 50% charge as there are no adults to be counted. |

Below are answers to some questions about who should be disregarded under this category, for the purpose of assessing Council Tax discount.

Q. Do the persons(s) providing care and the person receiving care both have to be resident in the same property ?

A. Yes. In order to be disregarded the carer must be resident in the same dwelling as the person to whom he/she is providing care.

Q. Why do the disabled person's benefits have to be given?

A. The disabled person must be entitled to one of the four benefits shown if the carer is to be disregarded.

Q. Why does the relationship between carer and disabled person matter?

A. The carer cannot be disregarded if he/she is the spouse/partner of the disabled person or their parent (if under 18 years old).

Q. Why do the hours spent providing care have to be declared?

A. Because a carer can only be disregarded if he/she spends, on average, at least 35 hours per week providing care.

Q. How do I apply?

A. Complete the form overleaf and return it, without delay, to the address shown. Once it has been assessed you will be notified of the Council's decision.

Q. For how long will the discount be allowed?

A. For as long as there are less than two adults in the property who is not disregarded. If there is a change in circumstances then you must notify the address overleaf Failure to do so may result in a penalty being imposed.

Data Protection Act 1984

The information you provide on this form will be used to determine if you are eligible for a discount from your Council Tax, and may be recorded on a computer. Although you are not obliged to give this information, the Council will be unable to assess your eligibility for a discount unless you do so.

Other Council Tax queries?

Contact the office at the address or telephone number: 020 8489 3557.

Council Tax Benefit

This is now dealt with by a separate office, the Benefit Service, tel: 020 8489 2800.