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APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION - MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

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

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			
Persons to be disregarded:			
Full Name			
Principal Occupation			
Savings / Capital			
Income	Weekly / Monthly	Weekly / Monthly	Weekly / Monthly
Wages/Salary	£ per	£ per	£ per
Job Seeker's Allowance	£ per	£ per	£ per
Income Support	£ per	£ per	£ per
Working Tax Credit	£ per	£ per	£ per
Child Tax Credit	£ per	£ per	£ per
Child Benefit	£ per	£ per	£ per
Maintenance / C.S.A	£ per	£ per	£ per
Pension / Pension Credit	£ per	£ per	£ per
Incapacity Benefit	£ per	£ per	£ per
Board / Lodgings	£ per	£ per	£ per
Other Income	£ per	£ per	£ per

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.

MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

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

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. What does the term "religious community" cover?

A. Any community whose principal occupation is prayer, relief of suffering, contemplation, education, or any combination of the above.

Q. What defines a person as being a member of a religious community?

A. That person must depend on the community concerned for his/her material needs.

Q. Can a member of a religious community have a private income?

A. Generally, no. However if any pensions from a former employer is received then the person may still be disregarded.

Q. Why d savings have to be declared?

A. If a person has capital, or interest in any property, then that person cannot be disregarded for discount purposes.

Q. How is application made?

A. Complete all parts of the form overleaf and returns 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 any change in circumstances then you must notify the address shown above. 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 1000.

Council Tax Benefit

This is now dealt with by a separate office, the Benefit Service, tel: 020 8489 1000.