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**COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT**  
**Caring for Persons with a Disability**

**Applicants Name and Property Address:**

**Date of issue:**

**Reference Number:**

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION OVERLEAF BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

**Total number of adults living in the property:**

**Name of person with a disability (if different from above)**

**DOES THE PERSON WITH A DISABILITY RECEIVE ANY OF THESE BENEFITS?...**

Higher rate attendance allowance under Section 65 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992..... **Y/N\***

The highest rate of the care component of a disability living allowance under Section 72 (4) (a) of that Act?..... **Y/N\***

An increase in the rate of their disablement pension under Section 104 of that Act?..... **Y/N\***

An increase in a constant attendance allowance under the provision to article 14 of Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983 or under article 14 (1) (b) of the Naval, Military and Air Forces, etc, (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Order 1983?..... **Y/N\***

**If so, when did they first receive it?**

**Reference Number on Allowance Book:**

**If possible please provide proof of the allowance, BUT DO NOT SEND THE PENSION OR ALLOWANCE BOOK THROUGH THE POST**

Name of Carer/s	Relationship to person with a Disability	Average hours per week spent providing care

**DECLARATION**

**I declare that the information given above is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.**

**Full Name (please print):**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

\*Delete as applicable

## **CARING FOR PERSON(S) WITH A DISABILITY**

The full Council Tax Bill assumes that there are two adults living in a property. However, for Council Tax purposes certain people will not be counted when looking at the number of adults.

The effect of discounting certain adults may be to reduce the Council Tax bill by 25% or 50%.

Below are the answers to some questions about who should be discounted, under this category.

**Q. DO THE PERSON(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 SHOULD YOU STATE WHICH BENEFITS ARE RECEIVED?**

A. The person with a disability must receive one of the four benefits shown if the carer is to be disregarded. The discount will be backdated to the start of the benefit, or 1<sup>st</sup> April 1993, whichever is latest.

**Q. WHY DOES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CARER AND THE PERSON WITH A DISABILITY MATTER?**

A. The carer cannot be discounted if he/she is the spouse/partner of the person with a disability or their parent (if they are under 18 years old)

**Q. WHY DO THE HOURS SPENT PROVIDING CARE HAVE TO BE DECLARED?**

A. Because a carer can only be discounted if he/she spends, on average, at least 35 hours per week providing care. (Carers who receive the Invalid Care Allowance have already proved this).

**Q. HOW DO I APPLY?**

A. Complete all parts of the form overleaf and return it, without delay, to the address shown. Once it has all 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 the circumstances remain the same. If there is any change in circumstances then you must notify the address shown overleaf. If you don't you may have to pay a penalty.

### **DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998**

Information on this form may be recorded on computers and is subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act, 1998. Although you are not obliged to give the information, if you do not do so it will be assumed that no discount is applicable.

**If you have any other queries about discount or would like any more information about Council Tax, please contact this office at the address/telephone number shown overleaf.**