

DISABLED PERSON RELIEF APPLICATION FORM

Name

Address

Name of person with disabilities

Reference No

Does the property have? Delete as appropriate

A special room for the disabled person i.e. out of normal use YES/NO

Second bathroom / kitchen YES/NO

Wheelchair used indoors YES/NO

Daytime Telephone No.

I declare that the details given on this form are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed

Name
in block capitals

Date

Please complete this form and return it to the address shown in the leaflet.

Can I appeal if I disagree with the Council's decision?

Yes: If you wish to make an appeal then write to Revenue Collection section saying why you think the decision is wrong.



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Do you require more information?

If you require any further information then please



contact the Revenue Collection section on: (01283) 221000

Revenue Services

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COUNCIL TAX

Relief for Persons with Disabilities

New Rules All Properties May Now Qualify



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RELIEF FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The aim of this leaflet is to explain the rules of Council Tax regarding the relief for a person with disabilities living in a home that meets their needs.

To qualify for the relief two criteria have to be met:

1) There has to be a person with disabilities living in the property

- A person with disabilities is classed as someone who is substantially and permanently disabled, whether by illness, injury, congenital deformity or otherwise.
- This person need not be the person liable to pay the Council Tax.

2) The property has to fulfil one of the following criteria:

- A room other than a bathroom, kitchen or lavatory which is predominantly used by and is required to meet the needs of the disabled person.
- A second bathroom or kitchen which is required for meeting the needs of the disabled person
- Sufficient floor space to permit the use of a wheelchair which is required for meeting the needs of the disabled person

HOW THE RULES HAVE CHANGED

Before the 1st April 2000 Properties in Band A could not qualify for this relief. However changes in the legislation mean that from 1st April 2000 Band A properties will be able to receive the relief.

Band A properties were not able to qualify due to the way the relief was calculated.

The relief was awarded by the Council Tax being charged as if the property was shown in the next lowest band. For example, a Band C property would be charged as if it was in Band B. Therefore if the house was in Band A it was already in the lowest Council Tax band and no reduction could apply.

So what are the rules now?

The rules for properties in Band B to H have not changed and the relief would be calculated in the same manner as before (as explained above).

It is the rules for properties in Band A that have changed. From 1st April 2000 if a property in Band A qualifies for the relief the reduction in Council Tax will be 1/9th of the Band D charge. This will be equivalent to the reduction given to properties in Band B,C and D.

If you are unsure of your properties Band then this is shown on your Council Tax Demand or alternatively contact the Revenue Collection Section who will inform you of your Band.

HOW DO I APPLY

If you consider that you would qualify for the relief

i.e. there is a person with disabilities living in the property and the property fulfils one of the three criteria.

Then please complete the application form and return it to the address shown on the back of this leaflet.

What will happen once I have applied?

When your application is received one of the Council's officers will contact you and arrange a mutually acceptable time for a visit to the property.

The officer will need to meet the person with disabilities and to see the areas of the property that are being claimed for.

If you are successful you will shortly afterwards receive a revised bill showing the amount of relief granted.

If your application is not successful you will receive a letter explaining why the relief was not granted and how you may appeal against this decision.

The Council may require a note from a doctor or other qualified professional in support of your application, but this will not be required unless specifically requested by the Council.