

Council Tax Discounts

Single occupancy	If you are the only adult living in a property you may be entitled to a 25per cent 'single occupancy' discount.
Empty Properties	<p>Empty properties attract a 100per cent discount for 1-month from the date which the property became empty and unfurnished. After 1 month, empty properties are charged the full charge. (Please note: this does not apply where someone who normally lives in a property is temporarily absent).</p> <p>Contact us to apply</p>
Apprentices	An apprentice will not be counted if they are employed to learn a job and, as part of that learning, are undertaking training leading to a qualification recognised by the National Council for Vocational Qualifications. The Apprentice must be paid a maximum of £195 per week (before tax).
Care workers	<p>A discount can apply for care workers who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide care or support to one or more people on behalf of a local authority or charity (or employed by a company or individual to do so, but having been introduced to them by a charity), • are employed for at least 24 hours per week, • are paid no more than £44 per week, and • live in the premises provided for their job
Carers	<p>Discounts are available for people who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide care to someone who is receiving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attendance Allowance, or ○ the care component of Disability Living Allowance at the middle or higher rate, or ○ the enhanced daily living component of Personal Independent Payment, or ○ an increase in the rate of Disablement Pension, or ○ an increase in Constant Attendance Allowance; and • Live in the same place as the person they care for, • Provide the care for an average of at least 35 hours a week, • Is not caring for their husband, wife or partner • And is not caring for a child under 18
Family Annexes	A 50% discount can apply if an annexe is used as part of the main property, or is occupied by a relative of the person living in the main property

Foreign language assistants	<p>Foreign Language Assistants who are registered with the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges are treated as full time students during any period that they are appointed to a school or other educational establishment in Great Britain. This means they will be disregarded for Council Tax purposes.</p> <p>Contact us to apply.</p>
Members of Religious Communities	<p>Members of Religious Communities (for example, a monk or nun) may qualify for a Council Tax discount. To be eligible, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a member of a religious community whose main work is prayer, contemplation, the relief of suffering, education (or a combination of these) • Have no personal income or capital • Be dependent on the community for all material needs <p>Contact us to apply</p>
Members of Visiting Forces, International HQ's and Defence Organisations	<p>People who are a member of visiting forces who are not British citizens and are not normally resident in the UK are not counted as living in the property of Council Tax purposes.</p> <p>Contact us to apply</p>
Over 18, but parent / guardian still entitled to receive Child Benefit	<p>People are not counted as living in a property if they are 18 / 19 years old, in full-time education (other than Higher Education) and their parent / guardian is still entitled to Child Benefit for them.</p>
People in Prison	<p>Prisoners on remand or in prison are not counted for Council Tax purposes, unless the imprisonment is a result of non-payment of a fine or Council Tax.</p>
People living in residential care homes, nursing homes and hostels providing high levels of care	<p>Patients who live and receive care in one of these places are not counted for council tax purposes if this is their only or main home.</p>

<p>People staying in certain hostels and night shelters</p>	<p>People whose sole or main residence is in a hostel are not counted as living in a property for Council Tax purposes. A hostel is a property which must mainly be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing residential accommodation as a hostel or night shelter • Providing communal accommodation, not self-contained sets of premises, and • Provided under a license to occupy which is not a property <p>Contact us to apply</p>
<p>People who are severely mentally impaired</p>	<p>People who are severely mentally impaired (people with a severe impairment of intelligence or social functioning, however caused, which appears to be permanent) are not counted as living in a property for Council Tax purposes if they are entitled to one of the following benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incapacity Benefit / Employment and Support Allowance • Attendance Allowance • Constant Attendance Allowance • Severe Disablement Allowance • the care component of Disability Living Allowance at the middle or higher rate, or • the enhanced Daily Living component of Personal Independence Payment • Increased disablement pension (owing to need for constant attendance) • Disabled persons Tax Credit • Unemployability supplement or allowance • Income Support (where the applicable amount includes a disability premium) <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A registered medical practitioner, for example a doctor or consultant, signs a certificate confirming that the person is severely mentally impaired. <p>A property occupied only by people who are severely mentally impaired and who are liable to pay Council Tax may be exempt from Council Tax.</p>
<p>Resident Hospital Patients</p>	<p>Discounts are available for people whose sole or main residence is in a NHS hospital. That is, the stay in hospital must be considered permanent, as they are unable to return home.</p>
<p>School leavers</p>	<p>People leaving school or college after 30 April will not be counted for Council Tax purposes until 1 November of the same year.</p>

Student Nurses	Student nurses will not be counted for Council Tax purposes if they are on a course which leads to their first registration on Parts 1 to 6 or 8 of the nursing register, under Section 10 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979. This does not apply to nurses who are already on the register but are taking further courses.
Students	<p>Students are not counted as living in a property for Council Tax purposes if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking a full-time education course which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is of at least one academic year's duration (or calendar year) ○ Requires the student to undertake periods of study, tuition or work experience for at least 24 weeks per year, and ○ Totals an average of 21 hours study per week throughout the 24 week period • Or, under the age of 20 and undergoing a course of further education which is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At least 3 months in duration ○ Involves at least 12 hours instruction, tuition and/or supervised study per week ○ Not a correspondence course ○ Not undertaken as a consequence of their job, and is not an evening course <p>During vacations a property is still counted as the student's term-time address so as long as the student has a right to occupy and has previously used or intends to use the property as term-time accommodation.</p>
Youth Training Trainees	A Youth Trainee will not be counted if they are under 25 and receive training in line with an individual training plan under the Youth Training Scheme, such as TCT, Options, Future and Next Step.