

Application for Council Tax Reduction for Disabilities

If a disabled person lives in your property and the property has certain features, which are of major importance to the well being of the disabled person, you may qualify for a reduction in your Council Tax.

To qualify for a reduction the property must be the sole or main residence of a person who is permanently and substantially disabled AND one of the following must be true:

- There is a room, other than a kitchen, bathroom or lavatory, in the property which is predominantly used for meeting the needs of the disabled person; OR
- There is a second kitchen or bathroom which is used for meeting the needs of the disabled person (a second lavatory will not qualify); OR
- The disabled person needs to use a wheelchair indoors and there is space for them to do so

The following notes clarify some terms used above and illustrate situations where a reduction might be given.

Sole or Main Residence

The property must be the sole or main residence of the disabled person. No reduction can be awarded if the disabled person has their sole or main residence somewhere else and is only staying with you temporarily.

Permanently and substantially disabled

The disabled person must be permanently and substantially disabled by illness, injury or congenial deformity or other reason. They need not be an adult. Some conditions are progressive and in such cases, a judgement will need to be made when a disability becomes substantial; in other cases, what seems at first to be a temporary condition can become permanent.

A room other than a kitchen, bathroom or lavatory

In these circumstances the primary use of the room will usually have been taken over by the disabled person. For example a room that is now mainly used for treatment or therapy, or the storage of equipment used by the disabled person may qualify. In other cases, a downstairs room that has been converted to a bedroom or bed sitting room for a person who cannot manage stairs will not qualify.

Second bathroom or kitchen

There must be a link between the need for a second bathroom or kitchen and the disability. A second lavatory is not treated as a bathroom; the bathroom must contain a bath or shower.

Need to use a Wheelchair indoors

The disabled person must both need and be able to use a wheelchair indoors. So a person, who normally uses a wheelchair but cannot do so indoors because corridors or doorways are too narrow, will not qualify.

Please note it may be necessary to visit your property to clarify your circumstances; we will contact you if this is the case

Council Tax Account Number

Address of Property

1. Full name of disabled person	
2. Date of their birth (if under 18)	
3. What is the nature of the person's disability? Please give as much information as possible, including the medical term if applicable	
4. Is their disability permanent?	

5. What special features does the property have which are required by the disabled person because of their disability:

An extra bathroom; please confirm the facilities in each bathroom (e.g. toilet, basin, shower etc)	
Please explain why the additional bathroom is essential for the disabled person	
An extra kitchen; please explain why the additional kitchen is essential for the disabled person	
A room (other than a bathroom, kitchen or lavatory) which is required by the disabled person to meet their special needs; please advise which room it is and why it is essential for the disabled person	
The use of a wheelchair indoors; is there sufficient space inside the property to use the wheelchair?	
How often do you use the wheelchair inside the property?	

6. Please confirm the date from which you wish to claim a reduction	
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Declaration

I am the council tax payer and I have checked the information on this form and declare that it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

Date

Print name

We may need to contact you for additional information, please provide your contact details below:

Daytime Telephone No	
Email Address	

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