

# Council Tax Discount Application For Persons With Severe Mental Impairment

## What Are Discounts?

The Council Tax assumes that two adults live in your home.

If only one adult lives in a property a discount of 25% (one quarter) will be given.

In some cases, even if there are two or more people aged 18 or over living in a property, a discount of up to 50% (one half) may still be given. This is because certain people are not counted when deciding how many adults live in the property.

Properties occupied only by people who are severely mentally impaired are exempt from Council Tax. In order to qualify, the severely mentally impaired person(s) would have been the person(s) liable to pay the Council Tax if this exemption did not exist.

## People Who Are Severely Mentally Impaired

A person will be disregarded for Council Tax discount purposes if they are severely mentally impaired.

For a person to be disregarded he/she must be:

a) certified as severely mentally impaired by a Registered Medical Practitioner, and

b) entitled to one of the following benefits: -

Personal Independence Payment, Employment & Support Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Attendance Allowance, Severe Disablement Allowance, the care component of a Disability Living Allowance (at the middle or higher rate only), an increase in the rate of Disablement Pension (where constant attendance is needed), Disability Working Allowance, Unemployability Supplement, Constant Attendance Allowance, Unemployability Allowance, Income Support where the applicable amount includes a disability premium. The 'limited capability for work' or 'the limited capability for work related elements' of Universal Credit.

**OR** would be entitled to one of the above benefits but for reaching pensionable age.

**OR** has a partner in receipt of Jobseeker's Allowance which has been increased on the grounds of their incapacity to work.

Evidence requested in this form can be uploaded online on our webpage: [www.stockton.gov.uk/evidence](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/evidence).

**Please complete sections A and B, and then ask the applicant's general practitioner to complete Section C.**

**Council Tax Account Number**

**Address of Property**

## Section A

How many people aged 18 or over live in the property?

Please give the full name of the severely mentally impaired person

How long has this person lived in the property?  
(Please give date if this is after 31 March 1993)

Date of Birth and National Insurance number

Daytime Telephone & Mobile Number

E-mail address

## Section B

Which benefits, pensions and allowances does the person/partner receive? (Please list)

Benefit/Pension/Allowance:	Start Date:

**Important: You must provide proof of the Benefit, Pension and Allowances, for example a letter of entitlement.**

**If you have filled this form in on behalf of the Taxpayer give your details below:**

Name & Address:	
Relationship to applicant:	

## Section C – TO BE COMPLETED BY REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

Doctor's Surgery/Hospital Address	
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### **Complete Part 1 OR Part 2**

#### **Part 1**

I certify that in my opinion the applicant named in Section A of the form **IS** suffering from severe mental impairment for the purpose of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Date of Diagnosis	<input type="text"/>
Nature of Impairment	<input type="text"/>
Doctor's full name (in block capitals)	<input type="text"/>
Doctors signature and status	<input type="text"/>

#### **Part 2**

I certify that in my opinion the applicant named in Section A of the form **IS NOT** suffering from severe mental impairment for the purpose of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Doctor's full name (in block capitals)	<input type="text"/>
Doctors signature and status	<input type="text"/>

### Declaration

The information I have given on this form is true and complete. I will tell you about any change in circumstances, which may affect this discount application.

I authorise you to contact the Benefits Agency if necessary to confirm entitlements to benefit.

Signature	
Date	

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