

## COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT DISREGARD APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Tax Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I can confirm that the information I am about to provide is correct. I understand that any discount will only be awarded on the basis of my current circumstances. I will inform Gateshead Council of any change within 21 days of the change happening. I understand that if I fail to report such a change a fixed penalty may be imposed on me and I will have to repay any overpaid discount.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with data protection law, Gateshead Council may use any information you give us to prevent or detect fraud or other crimes. Gateshead Council may also share information with other Council Services or public organisations if required by Law to do so.

You may be able to pay less Council Tax if someone in your home qualifies for a discount disregard.

Each class of discount disregard is shown overleaf along with a brief description. Please note that this list is for guidance only.

The amount of discount will be either 25% or 50% depending upon the number of adults and the class of disregard. If two or more adults are living in a property and they are not disregarded then no discount will apply.

To make an application please complete the details below.

The date I wish to claim my discount from is: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all occupants **aged over 16** in your home:

Full Name	Date of Birth	Disregard Category (see overleaf)

**Please return completed form to:** Gateshead Council, Council Tax Section, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead NE8 1HH or email [counciltax@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:counciltax@gateshead.gov.uk)

## Categories of Discount Disregards for Council Tax Purposes

- 1) Person in detention.** People detained by order of a Court. Applies whether they are in prison, in a hospital, or in any other place. This discount disregard lasts for the period of detention.
- 2) Severely mentally impaired.** The severely mentally impaired person must be: a) entitled to a qualifying State Benefit, and b) a medical practitioner must confirm their severe mental impairment.
- 3) Persons in respect of whom Child Benefit is payable.** Where a person has reached the age of 18 but Child Benefit is still payable for them.
- 4) School and college leavers.** Any person aged 18 or 19 years who leaves School or College between the 1 May and 31 October in any year. Before they left they must have been studying a qualifying course of education (for example A levels).
- 5) Students.** Students are not counted for Council Tax purposes. The term "Student" covers:
  - i) A Foreign Language Assistant registered with The British Council;
  - ii) Any person on a full-time course of education at a prescribed educational establishment;
  - iii) A person aged under 20 undertaking a qualifying course of education
- 6) Student nurses studying at college or university.** A student nurse studying full-time at a college or university will qualify in the same way as a student above.
- 7) Student nurses.** If not an academic student, the student nurse must be following a course leading to registration under the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979.
- 8) Non-British spouses of student.** A spouse or dependant of a student. They must be: a) not a British Citizen and b) prevented from taking paid employment or from claiming benefits whilst in the UK.
- 9) Apprentices.** Employed for the purposes of learning a trade, business or profession. They must be: a) doing a qualification approved by the Qualifications & Curriculum Authority, and b) employed at a salary of no more than **£195.00** per week.
- 10) Youth Training Trainees.** Under 25 years of age and doing training funded by the Learning Skills Council for England.
- 11) Hospital patients.** A person who has their main home in a NHS Hospital. This class only applies to a hospital with a valuation band; it does not apply to a private dwelling.
- 12) Patients in homes.** A person living in a residential care home, nursing home, mental nursing home or hostel. This class only applies to homes or hostels with a valuation band; it does not apply to private dwellings.
- 13) Care workers who are paid.** A carer must be: a) providing care through a connection with Crown / charity / local authority; b) employed for at least 24 hours a week; c) paid no more than £44 per week and d) resident where the care provided or in premises provided for the care.
- 14) Care workers who are not paid.** A carer must be: a) providing care for a person entitled to certain state benefits; b) living in the same property as the person receiving care; c) providing care for at least 35 hours per week; d) not the spouse/partner of the person receiving care; and e) not the parent should the person receiving care be under 18 years of age.
- 15) Residents of hostels for the homeless or night shelters.** Any person living in accommodation for the homeless.
- 16) Members and dependants of international headquarters and defence organisations.** Any person (and dependant) who is a member of an international headquarters or a defence organisation.
- 17) Members of religious communities.** The principal occupation is prayer, contemplation, education, relief of suffering or any combination of these. To qualify each person must have no income or capital of their own.
- 16) Members and dependants of visiting forces.** Member of a visiting force or a member of a civilian component of a visiting force.
- 17) Persons with diplomatic privilege or immunity.** Any person with diplomatic privileges and immunities.