

## COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT APPLICATION UNPAID CARER

<b>Name</b>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<b>Account no.</b>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
<b>Address</b>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 100%;" type="text"/> <small>(this is shown on your Council Tax bill)</small>		

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ THE NOTES BELOW BEFORE FILLING IN THIS FORM:**

An adult who qualifies as a Carer will not be counted when working out the Council Tax bill.

A discount will apply where all but one of the adults living in a property are a Carer. There will be no discount if 2 or more adults who are not Carers live in a property (unless they fall into another discount class). An adult is someone who is aged 18 or over.

To be classed as a Carer for Council Tax a person must satisfy the following 4 criteria:

1. Caring for a person who is entitled to at least one of the following state benefits:

- \*A Higher Rate Attendance Allowance
- \*An Increase in a Constant Attendance Allowance
- \*An Increase in the rate of Disablement Pension
- \*An Armed Forces Independence Payment
- \*The Highest Rate of the Care Component of a Disability Living Allowance
- \*Enhanced Rate Daily Living Component of Personal Independence Payment

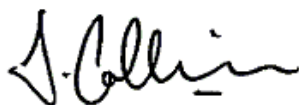
2. Living with the person they are caring for,

3. Providing care for at least 35 hours per week on average,

4. Is **not** the spouse / partner of the person they are caring for or is **not** the parent of the person they are caring for if that person is a child under 18.

If you wish to apply for the Carer discount please complete the details on the back of this form.

Yours sincerely



Strategic Director and Borough Treasurer  
Resources and Digital

**WHERE SHOULD I SEND MY COMPLETED FORM?**

**Return by post to:** Gateshead Council, Council Tax Section, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead NE8 1HH

**Return in person to:** Council Tax Reception Desk at the Civic Centre

Alternatively scan and email your completed application to [counciltax@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:counciltax@gateshead.gov.uk)

## COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT APPLICATION – CARERS

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**1. NUMBER OF RESIDENTS** – Please tell us the names of all people (including yourself) over the age of **16** who usually live in the property.

Full Name	Date of Birth	Are They a Carer? Yes / No

**2. CARER DETAILS** – Please tell us details of the Carer(s) and the person(s) being cared for.

Name of Carer(s)	Name of Person(s) Cared For	Average Number of Hours Care Provided Per Week	Relationship Between Carer and Person Being Cared For (e.g. spouse, parent)

**3. BENEFIT IN PAYMENT** – Please tell us the qualifying benefit(s) the person receiving care is entitled to and the date awarded from. YOU MUST SUPPLY THE LETTER OF ENTITLEMENT FOR THE QUALIFYING BENEFIT. WITHOUT THIS LETTER GATESHEAD COUNCIL ARE UNABLE TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION FOR DISCOUNT.

Qualifying Benefit(s)	Date Paid From	Letter of Entitlement Supplied (please tick when letter attached)
		<input type="checkbox"/>
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