

Council Tax

Reductions for home carers

When is a discount possible?

Council Tax is normally charged on the assumption that two or more people aged 18 or over live in a property.

If there is only one adult living there, they can apply for a single person's discount of 25%.

However, if anyone aged 18 or over is a home carer, and without them there is only one adult living in a property, you may apply for the same 25% discount.

Who is a home carer?

A home carer is someone who meets the following conditions:

- they care for someone who is receiving:
 - a. higher-rate Attendance Allowance;
 - b. the highest rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance;
 - c. the daily living component of Personal Independence Payment;
 - d. an increase in the rate of Disablement Pension, **or**
 - e. an increase in Constant Attendance Allowance
- they live with the person they care for.
- they provide care for an average of at least 35 hours a week.
- they are not caring for their husband, wife or partner.
- they are not a parent caring for a child under 18.

You must supply evidence with your application that the person cared for is receiving the relevant benefit.

The information given here is for guidance only and is not a full definition of the law.

