



### South Somerset District Council

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### Council Tax Discount Application Carer Discount

Council Tax Account Number

Name of Council Tax Payer

Address

Name of person receiving care:

Number of adults (18 & over) in household including carer(s)

Does the person receiving care receive any of the following benefits?  
(Put a X in the appropriate box if yes)

Attendance Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any rate of the Daily Living Activity Component of Person Independence Payment	<input type="checkbox"/>
The middle or highest rate of care component of a Disability Living Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>
An increase in the rate of their disablement pension	<input type="checkbox"/>
An increase in a Constant Attendance Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please provide proof of payment of the benefit, this can be in the form of a copy of the most recent award letter.**

#### Details of the Carer(s)

Full Name	Relationship to person receiving care	Average hours per week spent providing care

*I declare that the information given is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.*

Signed ..... Date .....

Contact telephone number.....

Email address.....

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES COUNCIL TAX CARERS DISCOUNT**

### **Who can apply?**

A person liable to pay the Council Tax for a property which is the sole or main residence of a carer.

### **When will a discount be awarded?**

A discount may only be awarded if there are less than two adult occupants (18 years and over) in a property. A carer is not counted when calculating the number of occupants. Should this result in there being only one occupant a discount of 25% of the Council Tax bill may be given.

### **Carers Discount**

A person is considered a carer if they satisfy the following conditions – this list was updated by statute as at the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013:-

1. They are resident in the same property as the person they provide care for, and
2. They provide at least 35 hours per week care to a person who is entitled to receive one of the following:

- Attendance Allowance or
- Any rate of the daily living activity component of Personal Independence Payment, or
- The middle or highest rate of the care component of the Disability Living Allowance, or
- An increased rate of Disablement Pension, or
- An increased rate of Constant Attendance Allowance

Care provided by either husband or wife to their partner, or a man and woman living together as husband and wife do not qualify, neither does care provided by a parent for a child under 18 years of age.

### **What happens next?**

Once we receive your application with the supporting evidence we will assess it and if you are successful we will issue a reduced Council Tax bill.

### **Appeals**

If the Council decides not to award a discount you can appeal in the first instance to the Council Tax office within 28 days of notice of the decision stating your reasons. However you may not appeal against the amount of the discount.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Making an application for a discount is not grounds for non-payment of Council Tax. Payment must be made in accordance with the bill already issued until you have received confirmation that the request has been granted.