



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Property Ref:
Property Address:

COUNCIL TAX – CARERS APPLICATION TO BE DISREGARDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCOUNT

Please read the notes overleaf before you complete this form as there are two types of carers.

Name of Carer(s) _____
Name of person being cared for _____
Address _____

Do you live in the same property
as the person you are caring for YES/NO
If YES do you have your own home
elsewhere – if so give your home address _____

If NO please give your home address _____

How long have you been providing
care for the person _____
Carers relationship to the person being cared for _____
Please state the date of birth if the person
being cared for is a son or daughter of the carer _____

Please tick the box(es) if the person being cared for is in receipt of the following:

- (i) a higher rate attendance allowance;
- (ii) the highest rate of the care component of a disability living allowance;
- (iii) the highest rate of disablement pension;
- (iv) an increase in a constant attendance allowance;

The Authority will require evidence of the above benefits and you will have to show you provide care for at least 35 hours per week.

DECLARATION	
I declare that the information given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge	
Signature of Carer(s): _____	Date: _____
Signature of person being cared for: _____	Date: _____
Telephone Number: _____	
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GIVE A TELEPHONE NUMBER – BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN CASE WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU.	



NOTES
CARERS TO BE DISREGARDED FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCOUNT

The full Council Tax bill assumes that there are two adult residents living in the dwelling. Residents can be disregarded for the purpose of discount in certain circumstances.

When determining the number of adults resident in a dwelling, certain groups of people are not counted. The effect of not counting a person is the same as if that person were not resident.

Therefore, if one or more of the adult residents in a dwelling are not counted, the bill may be reduced by 25% or 50%. Where there are two or more adult residents, who are not disregarded for the purpose of discount no such reduction will be given.

To claim the Carers Discount you need to meet the criteria below in either Section A or B. The discount is available to anyone, whatever their income or savings.

If there is more than one person who cares for at least 35 hours per week you can get more than one Carers Discount. However, you will have to show the Authority that you each care for at least 35 hours per week.

For Council Tax purposes a carer must be:

- A**
- 1) providing care for a person who is entitled to one of the following state benefits,
 - (i) a higher rate attendance allowance;
 - (ii) the highest rate of the care component of a disability living allowance
 - (iii) the highest rate of disablement allowance
 - (iv) an increase in a constant attendance allowance
 - 2) resident in the same home as the person to whom care is being provided; and
 - 3) providing care for at least 35 hours per week on average; and
 - 4) not a disqualified relative of the person being cared for. (a disqualified relative is either the spouse of the other or they live together as husband and wife, or the parent of the other, who is a child below 18 years of age.

- B**
- 1) providing care or support through a connection with the Crown, a charity or a local authority; and
 - 2) employed for at least 24 hours a week; and
 - 3) paid no more than £36.00 per week; and
 - 4) resident where the care is given or in premises which have been provided for the better performance of the work.

CAN WE HELP?

Please phone the helpline number or write to the address shown below if you have any questions on Council Tax or need further assistance.

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