



## APPLICATION FORM FOR COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT DISREGARD SEVERELY MENTALLY IMPAIRED (SMI)

**Account Reference:**

**Date:**

Please read the notes attached before you complete this form.

The definition of severe mental impairment under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 is: - **a severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning (however caused) which appears to be permanent**

NAME (person suffering such illness) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I declare that the person named above is entitled to one or more benefits listed overleaf, and I enclose evidence of such entitlement.**

A responsible person in the household may sign the form on the applicants behalf: -

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**DOCTORS CERTIFICATE**

The above named person is my patient and I confirm that he/she is severely mentally impaired within the definition shown above and has been so from (date of diagnosis) \_\_\_\_\_

Doctors Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Surgery \_\_\_\_\_ Doctors Status (GP etc) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **NOTES**

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

When determining the number of adult residents in a dwelling, certain groups of that people are not counted. The effect of not counting a person is the same as if 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%, 50% or 100%. Where there are two or more adult residents, who are not disregarded for the purpose of discount no such reduction will be given.

A person is disregarded for discount purposes if he/she is severely mentally impaired and is stated to be such in a certificate from a registered medical practitioner, provided that there is entitlement to a state benefit from the qualifying list of benefits or certain other specified requirements are met.

The definition of severe mental impairment for Council Tax purposes is as follows:-

'A person is severely mentally impaired if he/she has a severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning (however caused) which appears to be permanent'.

Any medical certificate for Council Tax purposes must be based on this definition and on any other medical view of medical impairment.

The qualifying benefits for severe mental impairment disregard are as follows:-

- (a) Incapacity benefit;
- (b) Attendance allowance;
- (c) Severe disablement allowance;
- (d) The care component of a disability living allowance payable either at the highest rate or at the middle rate;
- (e) An increase in the rate of disablement pension;
- (f) A disability working allowance under specific conditions;
- (g) An unemployability supplement;
- (h) A constant attendance allowance;
- (i) An unemployability allowance;
- (j) Income support where the applicable amount includes a disability premium
- (k) Personal Independence Payment Daily Living Component at either standard or enhanced rate.

**Please return the completed form via email to:- [taxation@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:taxation@sstaffs.gov.uk)**

**Or by post to:**

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