



COUNCIL TAX Discounts

Council Tax is based on two or more persons aged 18 or over living in a property. However certain persons are entitled to discounts on their Council Tax bill if they are “Disregarded Persons”. Disregarded Persons are not counted towards the number of residents. These persons include **Prisoners, Youth Trainees, Apprentices, Child Benefit recipients, Hospital and Care Home Patients, Hostel Dwellers and Members of Religious Communities**. For details about discounts for Carers, Single Residents, Severely Mentally Impaired, Persons with Disabilities and Students, please ask for the leaflets.

Who Qualifies?

Prisoners - Prisoners who are on remand, or in prison are disregarded unless they are imprisoned for non payment of fines or Council Tax.

Youth Trainees - A person may qualify for a disregard if they are under 25 and employed as a Youth Trainee undergoing the relevant training.

Apprentices - Apprentices learning a trade, business profession or office employment by way of a National Council for Vocational qualification, earning a maximum of £160 per week (before deductions), and expected to earn substantially more when they are qualified, will be disregarded.

Child Benefit Recipients - A person aged over 18 will be disregarded if Child Benefit is still in payment for them.

Hospital and Care Home Residents - If a hospital or care home is a “main residence” where they receive care, they will be disregarded. This does not apply to those staying on a temporary basis.



Hostel Dwellers - A person whose sole or main residence is in a short stay hostel or night shelter, and has no fixed abode, will be disregarded.

Members of Religious Communities - Where a person's main work is prayer, contemplation, education or relief of suffering, they will be disregarded.

How Much is the Discount?

The amount of discount is 25% of the full Council Tax liability from the date the status is awarded.

If there are more than two persons aged 18 or over in the property, and only one is disregarded, no discount will be awarded as the number of adults would be two or more. If all the persons in the property are disregarded, a 50% discount can be awarded.

How to Apply

If you think you qualify for a relief, please contact the office at the address below for more details, or an application form.

Erewash Borough Council
PO Box 2
Wharncliffe Road
Ilkeston
Derbyshire DE7 5SE

Or telephone the appropriate section.

- **0115 9071000** (Owner Occupiers)
- **0115 9071010** (Private Tenants)
- **0115 9071020** (Council Tenants)

email: customerservices@erewash.gov.uk

What if you disagree with the Council's Decision?

If you wish to appeal against a decision made by the Council, you must do so immediately in writing stating the reasons you think the decision is wrong. Your original Council Tax bill is still payable while your appeal is outstanding.

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Please telephone: 0115 907 2244