

COUNCIL TAX

Severely Mentally Impaired

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 bills if they are **“Disregarded Persons”**. Disregarded persons are not counted towards the number of residents. These persons include **Severely Mentally Impaired Persons**.

Who Qualifies?

A Severely Mentally Impaired Person is someone who suffers, for whatever reason, from severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning which appears to be permanent. For example, sufferers of Alzheimer’s Disease.

There are 2 criteria that must be satisfied before the discount can be considered.

1 The person must be entitled to any of the following benefits:

- a) Middle or High Rate of Disability Living Allowance Care Component
- b) Attendance Allowance, Constant Attendance Allowance or an Unemployability Supplement awarded with Industrial Injuries Disablement Pension
- c) Constant Attendance Allowance or an Unemployability Allowance awarded with the War Pension Scheme Invalidity Pension
- d) Severe Disablement Allowance
- e) Disability Working Allowance, and either Invalidity Pension or Severe Disablement Allowance in the 8 weeks before claiming Disability Working Allowance
- f) Disability Premium of Income Support

2 A Registered Medical Practitioner must certify the Severe Mental Impairment



How Much is the Discount?

The amount of discount for severe mental impairment 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. If the property is wholly occupied by Severely Mentally Impaired Persons, the property will be exempt from Council Tax (see Empty Properties and Exemptions Leaflet).

How to Apply

If you think you qualify for this discount, 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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