

COUNCIL TAX

Single Resident Discount

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. **Single Resident Discount** is a discount to reduce the Council Tax bill when there is only one resident aged 18 or over living in a property.

Who Qualifies?

If there is only one person living in the property aged 18 or over, Single Resident Discount can be awarded. If another person aged 18 or over moves into the property as their **“main residence”**, the discount will be removed. It is advisable to contact the Council immediately if a person moves into the property, or a person in the property becomes 18.

Certain members of the household are not counted towards the number of residents, they are Disregarded persons, for example, Students, Project 2000 Nurses, Apprentices, YT Trainees, Carers and Severely Mentally Impaired Persons. Please request a leaflet for more details.

What is the Main Residence?

The Main Residence rule determines where a person lives. For example, in the case of a couple where one partner works away, Single Resident Discount would not be awarded as the absent partner's main residence would be with their partner, where their personal belongings are kept and security of tenure. This rule would also be applied in cases where a person is staying at a property on a temporary basis. If their main residence is elsewhere, Single Resident Discount could be applied at their temporary address if only one other person aged 18 or over occupied that property. It is still advisable to contact the Council to advise of any temporary visitors.



How much is the Discount?

The amount of discount for Single Resident Discount is 25% of the full Council Tax liability from the date this status began.

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 persons in the property are disregarded, a 50% discount can be awarded.

How to Apply

If you think you would 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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