

# **Discount, Exemptions and Reductions**

## **Single Person Discount**

You may be entitled to a 25% Sole Occupier Discount off your council tax bill if you are the only person (aged 18 or over) living in a property.

## **Discounts for people who aren't counted for Council Tax**

The council tax charge is based upon the number of people living in a property. If you're "disregarded" it means that we don't count you when we work out the number of people living there. If you live with someone who isn't counted (from the list detailed below), it may mean that you can get a discount on your bill;

- full time students, school and college leavers aged 18 and 19 (for greater detail please see section below)
- student nurses, apprentices, youth training trainees
- non-British people who aren't allowed to work or claim benefits and are dependants of students
- people detained in a prison or hospital
- people who have a severe mental impairment
- care workers
- residents of other properties (hostels for the homeless, residential or care homes)
- members of religious communities (monks and nuns)
- members and dependants of international headquarters and defence organisations and their dependents
- members and dependants of visiting forces
- diplomats
- foreign language assistants
- people who have their main address in a hospital

## **Student Exemptions & Discounts**

You can get a discount or be exempt if:

If you're over 20 years old, then your course(s) must:

- last at least 24 weeks
- involve at least 21 hours study a week
- be at a recognised educational establishment

If you're under 20, then your course(s) must:

- last at least 3 months
- involve at least 12 hours study per week

If you live in a student hall provided by your university or college then you don't need to apply.

If you are studying at Nottingham Trent University or The University of Nottingham please provide your student identification number to Broxtowe Borough Council. If you are studying elsewhere please provide a Council Tax Student Certificate.

### **Disabled Persons Reduction**

If an adult or a child in your household needs more space or a room to meet special needs because of their disability, you may be entitled to a reduction in your council tax.

The person must be substantially and permanently disabled and one of the following must apply:

- An extra bathroom or kitchen
- Extra space for a wheelchair if they need to use a wheelchair inside
- A room, but not a bathroom, kitchen or toilet that is used mainly for meeting the disabled person's needs. A downstairs living or sitting room used as a bedroom does not qualify

You may be visited by a member of the Council Tax Team and we may also contact your doctor, occupational therapist or social worker. Your income does not affect this reduction but we will need to confirm each year that your circumstances haven't changed