



# Northumberland

## County Council

### Council Tax - Carer's Discount

If there is someone in your house who provides care you may be entitled to a discount depending on who else lives in the property. Carer's are a category of person disregarded from the calculation of Council Tax. If all residents are disregarded then the Council Tax is charged at 50%. If all but one person are disregarded a discount of 25% applies.

To qualify the person receiving care should be receiving one of the qualifying state benefits (see enclosed). They should live in the same property as the care provider and the care provider should be providing care for at least 35 hours per week.

This discount will not apply where the person providing care is the spouse/partner of the person receiving care. It will also not apply if they are the parent of the person receiving care and that child is under 18 years of age.

All applications should be accompanied by evidence that the qualifying state benefit is being received. This is usually a letter from the DWP, but other forms of proof are acceptable.

If you need any help with this application form or have any queries regarding it please do not hesitate to contact us.

### Council Tax Section

#### **Council Tax, Revenues Section**

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**COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT – CARE PROVIDERS**

1. Please list all adult residents in the household and those who will become 18 within the next 2 years:

Title	Surname	Forenames	Owner	Tenant	Other	Date of Birth

2. Please give the full name of:

(a)	The Council Tax Payer	
(b)	The person receiving care	
(c)	The person providing care	

Please “circle” **Yes/No** as your answer to the following questions

3. Is the person **RECEIVING** care:

(a)	Under 18 years of age?	Yes	No
(b)	Receiving Attendance Allowance	Yes	No
(c)	Receiving the Middle (from 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2013) or Highest Rate Care Component of a Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment?*	Yes	No
(d)	Receiving an increase in the rate of his/her Disablement Pension?	Yes	No
(e)	Receiving an increase in a Constant Attendance Allowance?	Yes	No
(f)	Receiving an armed forces independence payment	Yes	No

**Please supply proof of any award of the above benefits**

*Continued overleaf...*

4. Is the person **PROVIDING** care:

(a)	Living in the same household as the person receiving care?	Yes	No
(b)	Providing care for an average of at least 35 hours per week?	Yes	No
(c)	Married to the person receiving care, or living together with them as husband and wife? <i>If the person you care for is your spouse/partner you <b>will not</b> qualify for this discount.</i>	Yes	No
(d)	A parent of the person receiving care? <i>If the person you care for is your child and they are under 18 years of age you <b>will not</b> qualify for this discount.</i>	Yes	No

**DECLARATION**

I declare that the information given above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature:		Date:	
Full Name (please print):		Mobile:	
Telephone Number:		Email:	

For further information about your Council Tax exemption, discount and benefit, please visit our website [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk) or call 01670 624884.

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