

Other 25% discounts

If there is only one person over 18 living in the property who gets counted, the person who pays the bill may be entitled to a discount of 25%.

50% discounts

A 50% discount may apply if

- A property is no-one's sole or main home.
- A property is a second home.
- A property is empty (this only applies if the property is not already exempt) or
- All people over 18 are not counted.

What happens if you falsely claim discount?

This is a criminal offence and you may have to attend Court and be fined for giving incorrect information.

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This information is for guidance only. Please contact us to talk about your individual circumstances and we will be able to give you more information.

You can also get information from our website - www.blackpool.gov.uk

For more information or advice

Visit the Customer First Centre, Corporation St, Blackpool.

Call Centre

You can phone us on:

01253 478847

Opening Times

8.00 am to 6 pm
on Monday, to Friday.
9.00 am to 2.00 pm on Saturday

We issue last tickets for the enquiry service 10 minutes before closing time.

Customer First

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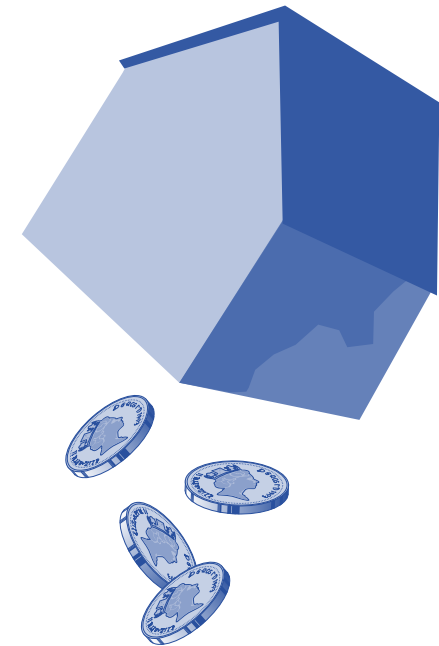
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Please ask for details.

Council Tax Should I get discount?



Can I get a discount?

Sole occupier and other discounts

Sole occupier discount

You may be entitled to a 25% discount off your Council Tax bill if you are the only person aged 18 or over living in a property.

How can you claim the discount?

You should telephone the Customer First Centre and they will send you an application form to complete. You may need to send us proof of the new address of anyone who used to live with you. Or, you can write to us with the details.

What will happen then?

If we are satisfied that you qualify for a discount, we will send you a new bill with amended instalment details.

We regularly send out review forms to customers to check that we have the correct information and that a discount still applies.

What happens if someone else over 18 moves into the property?

Please contact us straightaway as this may affect any discount we have already granted.

Other discounts

We work out Council Tax by assuming that at least two adults are living in a property. 50% of the Council Tax charged is for the property and 50% is for the people who live there.

We do not count some people when we work out how many adults live in the property. This may allow you to receive a discount even if you do not live alone.

Examples of the people who we do not count when working out the Council Tax are

- Full time students and student nurses.
- Apprentices and youth training trainees.
- 18-19 year olds who are at, or who have just left school or college.
- Patients in hospital.
- People being looked after in care homes.
- People staying in certain hostels or night shelters.
- Care workers working for low pay, usually for charities.
- People who care for someone with a

disability who is not their husband, wife, partner or a child under 18.

- Members of visiting forces and certain international institutions.
- Foreign diplomats.
- Members of religious communities (monks and nuns).
- People in detention; and
- The severely mentally impaired.

Students will need to get a Council Tax certificate from their place of study. If all members of the household fit these categories, they may be able to get a 50% discount.