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# Empty properties discount

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Properties that are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished receive a discount of 100 percent for three months. The discount is for the property and starts when it becomes unoccupied and unfurnished and once the three months has expired it does not start again if there is a change in ownership/tenant.

## Empty properties additional information

If the property is left empty for over 2 years it will be subject to a Council Tax Premium. This means that for these properties Council Tax will be 200% of the normal charge.

If the property you have left stays furnished the full amount is payable

There is no discount for a furnished second home.

While you are waiting for a decision about your discount request, you should carry on paying your monthly instalments when they are due.

When you do have a completion date for the sale of your property, you need to tell us about this.

Please email us with full details to [revenues@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@blackpool.gov.uk) or telephone 01253 478741. Lines are open from Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

## Properties undergoing major structural repairs

You may be able to claim a 50% discount for up to 12 months if your property is in need of or undergoing major structural repairs and it is not occupied.

You will need to complete an application form and send us proof of the work you are having done such as a builder's schedule of works or a surveyor's report. The length of time a discount can be awarded for depends on the type of repairs needed to make the property habitable. We may need to inspect your property during this time.

We can only award a discount for a maximum of 12 months in these cases, after which time a full charge is payable. Please complete the form below to make your application or telephone 01253 478810 and ask for an Improvement Application form to be sent to you.

While you are waiting for a decision about your request for a reduction, you should carry on paying your instalments on the due dates. When applying an exemption the council undertakes checks to verify whether the information supplied is correct and this may involve cross checking data with external bodies.

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