

Birmingham City Council Disregard Discounts

Member (and dependants) of visiting forces (Discount Type A)

You are disregarded if you are or someone in your household is:

- a member of a qualifying visiting force, or of that force's civilian component or
- a dependent of a member, as long as the dependent is not a British Citizen or normally lives in the UK.

If the property is occupied only by members of visiting forces or their dependents, there may be no Council Tax to pay.

A Member of a Religious Community (Discount Type B)

If you are a member of a religious community, for example if you are a monk or nun, you may qualify for a Council Tax discount.

To qualify for a discount: you must be a member of a religious community where the principal occupation is one or any combination of the following:

Prayer, contemplation, education or the relief of suffering

Each person must have no income, with the exception of any occupational pension due to former employment, or capital of his or her own all persons must be dependent upon the community for their material needs.

A School Leaver under 20 (Discount Type C)

A person under the age of 20 who has left school, college or full time education on or after 1 May in any year. The person must have undertaken a qualifying course of education, no higher than A-level or equivalent. A discount may then be given until 31 October of that same year.

A person aged 18, for whom someone is receiving child benefit. We will need a photocopy of the letter from HMRC which confirms who you are in receipt of child benefit for. The council tax discount will stop on the day that your child benefit stops for the school leaver in question.

A Member of a Visiting Armed force and their Dependants (Discount Type D)

A member or dependant of certain international headquarters or defence organisations listed in section 1 of the international and Defence Organisations Act 1964 is disregarded for discount purposes.

A Non British Citizen where their spouse is a student (Discount Type E)

A person is disregarded for Council Tax purposes if:

- They are the spouse or dependant of a student and
- They are not a British citizen and are prevented by immigration rules from “taking paid employment or from claiming benefits”.

An all-student household is exempt from Council Tax, including dwellings where a student has a foreign spouse or dependent living with them.

A Foreign Diplomat (Discount Type F)

Properties occupied only by a diplomat and their dependants

A Patient Resident in NHS Care, or a Person Receiving care in the NHS, or a Person Living in a Hostel/Night Shelter. (Discount Types H, R, and V)

Hospital patients will qualify for a Council Tax discount if the hospital has become their only or main residence (short term residence in a hospital will not qualify an individual for a discount). Also qualifying for this category will be those who are residents of a hostel, nursing home or a residential care home, for whom the “home/hostel” has become their only or main residence.

A Foreign Language Assistant (Discount Type L)

A Foreign Language Assistant on the official British Council programme.

A person who is Severely Mentally Impaired (Discount Type M)

A person is severely mentally impaired if they have a severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning which appears to be permanent.

A Student Nurse (Discount Type N)

A person who is a Student Nurse is not counted towards the Council Tax Bill.

A Prisoner or detained under mental health (Discount Type P)

A person in prison or someone in detention either awaiting deportation or under mental health legislation.

A Full Time Student (Discount Type S)

A full time student, including correspondence or on-line courses (If the property is occupied only by students then it is exempt from Council Tax altogether.)

An Apprentice earning under £195.00 per week (Discount Type T)

He or she must be:

Employed for the purpose of learning a trade, business, profession, office, employment or vocation for that purpose undertaking a programme of training leading to a qualification accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and employed at a salary, in receipt of an allowance or both (if the total is substantially less than the salary he/she would be likely to receive if he/she had achieved the qualification in question); and receiving no more than £195 per week.

A Resident Carer (Discount Type W)

To be considered a carer for the purposes of Council Tax you must meet all of the following criteria:

- You must provide care for at least 35 hours a week.
- You must live in the same property as the person you care for.
- You must not be the spouse or partner of the person you care for, or their parent if you care for a child under 18.
- The person you care for must be entitled to one of the following:

- The middle or higher rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance
- The daily living component of Personal Independence Payment at any rate
- Attendance Allowance at any rate
- Armed Forces Independence Payment
- The highest rate of Constant Attendance Allowance.

An 18 year old in receipt of Child benefit (Discount Type X)

A person aged 18 and someone is entitled to receive Child Benefit for them.

A Youth Training Trainee under 25 years old (Discount Type Y)

A youth training trainee is someone who is undertaking training according to an individual training plan under the Employment and Training Act 1973, funded by the Skills Funding Agency or Young People's Learning Agency and under 25 years of age.

You are regarded as undertaking training from the day on which the course or programme begins to the day you complete, abandon or are dismissed from it.

If you are in a People on Employment Training Scheme, you are not classed as being a youth training trainee.