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## REVENUES

### **Re: Council Tax Disregards for Carers**

To apply, please complete the enclosed form and return it to this office, together with a copy of evidence to confirm receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, listed in Part 3.

Please note that the disregard for a carer cannot be granted if care is given to a spouse/partner or to a child aged under 18 years old.

If you have any problems with the form or if you need general information about Council Tax, please contact the Council Tax Section on 020 8207 7407.

Yours sincerely

**Name:**

**Council Tax reference number:**

**Address:**

**Part 1.** How many adults, aged over 18, live in the property? .....

**Part 2.** Are any of the adults disregarded because they are :

Student/Student Nurse .....  
Severely Mentally Impaired .....  
In prison .....  
18/19 but still at school .....  
Permanently resident in care .....  
home/hospital .....  
A carer .....

**Part 3.** Does the person in receipt of care receive any of the following benefits?

\*higher or middle rate of attendance allowance .....  
\*highest or middle rate of the care component of .....  
a disability living allowance (see footnote 1.) .....  
\*increase in the rate of disablement pension .....  
under section 104 of that Act .....  
\*increase in constant attendance allowance .....

**Part 4.** Who is providing the care?

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The person who is providing the care should complete the declaration below.

I confirm that I reside in the same property as the person for whom I provide care. I provide care for at least 35 hours per week, on average, and it is not provided for a spouse/partner or for a child aged under 18 years old.

I must inform the Council if circumstances change such that the reduction in Council Tax no longer applies.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

1. The Dept of Work & Pensions introduced a new benefit called Personal Independence Payment (PIP) to replace Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for eligible working age people aged 16 to 64. This took effect for **new claims** from June 2013.

**Existing** Disability Living Allowance claimants who were aged 16 to 64 on 8 April 2013 or reached age 16 after that date are affected by the introduction of Personal Independence Payment, even if they have an indefinite or lifetime award of DLA. **From October 2013**, if an individual reported a change in how a health condition or disability affects them, they reach the end of an existing award of DLA (and haven't already received a DLA renewal letter), or they are approaching the age of 16, then the DWP will invite them to claim Personal Independence Payment.