

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council Tax (Reductions for Disabilities) Regulations 1992

Application for Reduction on the Grounds of Disability

Please read the following notes carefully before making an application for a reduction.

Who qualifies as a disabled person?

For Council Tax purposes, a disabled person is someone who is SUBSTANTIALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED, whether by illness, injury, congenital deformity or otherwise. The disabled person, must be resident in the dwelling.

How is a reduction made?

A reduction is made by way of rebanding a dwelling to the band below that shown in the Valuation List.

Does the property have to contain any special features to qualify?

YES, the dwelling in which the disabled person lives must contain certain facilities which are considered as essential or of major importance to the well being of the disabled person because of the nature and extent of their disability.

The features are:-

- (a) a room other than a bathroom, kitchen or lavatory, which is predominantly used by and required for meeting the needs of the disabled person;

or

- (b) a second bathroom or kitchen which is required for meeting the needs of the disabled person;

or

- (c) sufficient floor space to allow the use of a wheelchair, needed indoors by the disabled person.

If it is unclear as to whether such a room exists, the Council will consider whether, if the room or feature were not available, the disabled person would either find it physically difficult to live in the property or his/her health would suffer or deteriorate.

It will help to speed the Council's decision if the applicant is able to enclose a certificate or a note from some suitably qualified person, such as a person giving treatment or a social worker, which states that on account of the specified disability it is considered that the special feature in the property is necessary to the disabled persons well being.

If, for any reason you are unable to obtain such a certificate or not easily, do not delay your application if you think you are eligible. The Council will be prepared to consider it in any case. However, the Council may subsequently need to ask for evidence in support of your application.

Does the disabled person have to be an adult?

NO, providing the disabled person lives in the property and it contains one or more of the above features, then a reduction may be given whatever the age of the disabled person.

Who must make the application?

The application must be made by a person who is liable to pay the Council Tax. This may or may not be the disabled person.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS AND RETURN THE FORM TO:

Ribble Valley Borough Council, Council Offices, Church Walk, CLITHEROE, Lancashire, BB7 2RA.

APPLICANT: The applicant must be the person who is liable to pay the Council Tax. This may or may not be the disabled person.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Daytime Telephone No:

DISABLED PERSON:

** Delete as appropriate*

Is the person substantially and permanently disabled?

*YES	*NO
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Does the disabled person live in the property for which the reduction is being sought?

*YES	*NO
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NAME:

Brief description of disability:

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Registered Disabled No (if any)

GROUNDS FOR APPLICATION: Does the property contain:

(1) a second bathroom or kitchen which is required for meeting the needs of the disabled person ...

*YES	*NO
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(2) sufficient floor space to allow the use of a wheelchair needed indoors by the disabled person ...

*YES	*NO
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(3) a room other than a bathroom, kitchen, or lavatory which is predominantly used for the treatment or care of the disabled person because of the nature or extent of their disability ...

*YES	*NO
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If you have answered YES to number 3 above please describe the room and its use.

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DECLARATION: The information given in support of this application is true to the best of my knowledge. Should the application prove successful, then I undertake to inform the Council immediately if I believe that I am no longer entitled to the reduction. I authorise any enquiry which may be necessary in order to verify the information provided.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

DATE:

Note: The Council may need to contact you further or inspect the property before determining this application.