

Application for Discretionary Care Leavers Council Tax Discount



With effect from 1 April 2018 a new discretionary discount for care leavers up to the age of 25 years was introduced. The level of discount will depend upon who lives in the property and who is liable to Council Tax.

Part A – About you

Your full name

Current address and post code

Council Tax account number

Date of Birth

Details of any previous properties where you were liable for Council Tax since 1 April 2018

Email address

Contact telephone

Part B – Further information

The term 'care leaver' is defined in The Children (Care Leavers) Act 2000 and refers to eligible, relevant and former relevant children:

- Eligible children are those young people aged 16-17 who are still in care and have been 'looked after' for a total of 13 weeks from the age of 14 and including their sixteenth birthday;
- Relevant children are those young people aged 16 and 17 who have already left care and who were 'looked after' for at least 13 weeks from the age of 14 and have been 'looked after' at some time while they were 16 or 17;

- Former relevant children are those young people aged 18, 19 or 20 who have been eligible and/or relevant.

If you are a care leaver under Westmorland & Furness Council or Cumberland Council, we will check your status with the relevant department for the purposes of deciding to award a discount. If you are a care leaver under a different Local Authority, please provide details below:

Name of Local Authority

Name and contact details of Case Worker

Please provide details of all adults living in the property (including yourself)

Full name	Relationship to you	Are they liable to pay council tax?	Are they a care leaver?	Are they a full time student?	Are they severely mentally impaired?

I understand the information provided will be used by the billing authority to determine if I am eligible for a discretionary discount for my Council Tax. I agree to you contacting the appropriate Children's Services to check the details provided.

I understand that I must notify the billing authority if there are any changes in my household that might affect the level of discount (e.g. if I gain or lose a partner, or if any adults move in or out of the property, or if any adults become or cease to be a full time student, etc).

Signed _____ Date _____

Returning your form

Former Barrow area by emailing counciltax1@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Former Eden area by emailing counciltax2@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Former South Lakeland area by emailing counciltax3@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Alternatively, if you are submitting your application, please send it to:

Revenues Team
Town Hall
Duke Street
Barrow, Cumbria
LA14 2LD

Local Taxation Team
Town Hall
Penrith
Cumbria
CA11 7QF

Revenues Team
South Lakeland House
Lowther Street
Kendal, Cumbria
LA9 4DQ

If you require any further advice or information, please contact us on 0300 373 3300