

# COUNCIL TAX – SEVERE COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT

Please fill in this form and return it to: Rother District Council, Post Handling Service, PO Box 7081, Manchester, M28 8LE

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	Council Tax account number:

## Please read the information over the page before you fill in your application

Name of severely cognitively impaired person

Nature of impairment

The benefit this person is entitled to  
**Please enclose evidence detailed overleaf.**

The date he/she was first entitled to this benefit

I declare that the information given above is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate and give permission to the Council to contact the Registered Medical Practitioner to verify this.

Signed

Date

Full names of all persons over 18 residing in the property:

### **This section is to be completed by a registered medical practitioner**

You cannot be charged for this due to Sch 2(37) of SI 1992/635 & Reg 4 of SI 1993/540

Your full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)

I confirm that in my opinion and as described in the Local Government Finance Act of 1992, the patient named in this application experiences a (please answer 1-3):-

1. Severe impairment of intelligence which appears permanent Yes/No

**AND (both are required)**

2. Severe impairment of social functioning which appears permanent Yes/No

3. To my knowledge this condition has existed since:

Your signature:

Position:

GMC Ref No:

Date:

Medical Practice Stamp

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## When is an exemption or discount possible?

We may apply an exemption from Council Tax if everyone 18 or over living in the property is severely cognitively impaired. An exemption means that no-one has to pay the Council Tax for that property.

If there is only one adult living in a property, they can apply for a single person's discount of 25%. However, if anyone aged 18 or over is severely cognitively impaired and without them there is only one adult living in the property, you may apply for the same 25% discount.

## What does severely cognitively impaired mean?

Severely cognitively impaired means a person who has severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning (however caused), which appears to be permanent.

## They should also be entitled to one of the benefits listed below:

- Incapacity Benefit or Employment Support Allowance;
- Severe Disablement Allowance or Invalidity Pension;
- Unemployability Supplement or Allowance;
- Disability element of Working Tax Credit;
- Attendance Allowance or Constant Attendance Allowance;
- An increase in the rate of Disablement Pension;
- Higher/middle rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance;
- Standard or enhanced daily living component of Personal Independence Payment;
- Universal Credit where the calculation includes an amount in respect of the claimant having limited capability for work /work-related activity;
- Armed Forces Independence Payment;
- Income Support (which includes a disability premium) or;
- A state pension where the person would have been entitled to one of the benefits listed if they had not reached retirement age.

## How do I apply?

Please complete the form and ensure that the bottom section is fully completed and signed by a registered medical practitioner. We also require evidence of entitlement to one of the mentioned benefits to be sent with this application (photocopies accepted). If you qualify an adjusted bill will be sent.

**Any changes in circumstances should be notified to the council within 21 days.**

This information can be made available in large print, Braille, audio/CD or in another language upon request.

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