

Council Tax

Council tax bills are based on the assumption that two adults occupy the property as their main home. If it is occupied by only one resident, the bill is reduced by a single person's discount of 25%, regardless of income or capital.

Some people are not counted as a second resident, even if they live in the property. You can still get a single person's discount if you share your home with one of the following::

- An apprentice studying for a recognised qualification.
- A young person (under 25) in approved training.
- A full-time student (attending university or college, or under the age of 20 and studying A levels or their equivalent).
- An 18 or 19-year-old in full-time education.
- A student nurse.
- Resident hospital patients.
- People living in care homes.
- People who are severely mentally impaired.
- People staying in hostels or night shelters.
- Carers (providing at least 35 hours care a week) if they are not the main resident's husband, wife or civil partner.
- Prisoners.
- Monks and nuns.
- Members of visiting forces.
- Individuals with diplomatic privileges and immunities.

Please contact your local council if you think that you might be entitled to a single person discount.

You may also be able to get help with your council tax, if you are on a low income and do not have savings over the threshold (different for each council) or are receiving pension guarantee credit.



If you think you may qualify for help with your council tax, call the **St Barnabas Welfare and Benefits Team** on **01476 513544**, who will assist you to make an application.

