

Council Tax - Claim for Exemption Occupation Prohibited by Law

The amount of Council Tax payable is based on the assumption that there are two, or more, adults living in each property. An exemption may apply where the property remains empty for the reason stated below:-

If a property is empty and its occupation is prohibited by law under an act of parliament an exemption may apply. Full definition of the criteria is shown below.

If you think you may qualify for this reduction, please supply the information requested below and return the completed form to **Freepost RBSANDWELL**

Contact Details:

Council Tax Account Number:

Contact Address:

Telephone Number / Email address

Property Details:

Address of property which you believe qualifies for exemption

Unoccupied period for which you are claiming this exemption

From: / / To: / /

Name(s) of the last people living in the property

Forwarding address of last occupants

Contact telephone number / email address of last occupants:

Supporting evidence required:

Please provide documentation confirming that either a prohibition order, compulsory purchase order or planning conditions preventing occupation are in place.

DECLARATION - which must be completed by, or on behalf of, the liable resident

I declare that the information given above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I undertake to notify the Revenues and Benefits Service of any change in circumstances, which could affect my entitlement to a Council Tax discount. I understand that a minimum £70 penalty can be imposed if any information supplied is found to be inaccurate.

Full Name _____

Telephone Number _____ Email address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Guidance Notes

The Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings Order) 1992 (as amended) sets out the criteria for the award of a Council Tax Class G Exemption as follows:

An unoccupied dwelling, the occupation of which is prohibited by law or which is being kept empty by reason of action taken to prohibit occupation, or to acquire the dwelling, under any Act of Parliament. This exempt class applies to properties, which have been served with:

- Prohibition Orders (previously known as 'Closing Orders')
- Compulsory Purchase Orders
- Planning Conditions

This exemption only applies if the property remains unoccupied and will end if person/s move in. If occupied illegally, for example by squatters, the exemption will no longer apply and the residents will become liable.

Please note that prohibition on occupation does not include action between individuals or companies under contract law.

Please Note: Where there is a legitimate reason to do so information which is collected for the administration of Council Tax may be shared with other departments within Sandwell Council.