

Council Tax - Claim for Discount Members of Religious Communities

The amount of Council Tax payable is based on the assumption that there are two, or more, adults living in each property. A discount of 25% will apply where there is only one resident or where ALL the other adult residents fall into certain categories. One of these categories relates to people who are members of a religious community.

If any member of your household, is a member of a religious community, he/she is disregarded for the purpose of Council Tax and a discount may apply. **See overleaf for definitions of a member of a religious community.**

If any members of your household qualify for this reduction, complete and return the form to
Freepost RBSANDWELL

Account Number

Full name and address of the community's premises

Telephone Number / Email Address

Number of adults (18 or over) living at the property?

How many occupants are members of the religious community?

What is the community's principal occupation?

Religious member(s) income details:

State the full names of all members living at the above address and give details of their income, benefits, allowances, interest on investments, and their capital assets including the value of any interest held in property (if they have no income or capital enter "NIL" in the appropriate column). Where a member receives a pension from a former employer or has an income, please give details on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form.

Full Name Of Member	Membership Date	Financial Details		
		Income Per Annum	Pension Per Annum	Capital Assets

If necessary please continue on a separate sheet.

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 _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Guidance Notes

A person shall be disregarded for the purposes of Council Tax and a discount may apply on a particular day if: he/she is a person who

A) Is a member of a religious community the principal occupation of which consists of prayer, contemplation, education, the relief of suffering, or any combination of these?

B) Has no income or capital of his own (excepting any pension paid by a former employer) and is dependant on the community to provide for his material needs.

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.