

Council Tax Discount for Terminally Ill Residents – Frequently Asked Questions

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If you or someone living with you is terminally ill, you may be eligible for a Council Tax discount of up to 100%. The following section answers common questions to help guide you through the application process and provide clarity on eligibility, documentation, and ongoing requirements.

Who qualifies for the discount?

You may qualify for the Council Tax discount if all the following apply:

- A terminally ill person lives at the property.
- They have been issued a completed SR1 form confirming their condition.
- The terminally ill person resides at the property where the discount is being applied.
- The property is liable for Council Tax billing under Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council area.

What is an SR1 form?

An SR1 form is a medical report completed by a registered medical professional that confirms a terminal illness. This document is used to support benefit claims and applications for council tax discounts. For more information about SR1 forms, visit the Marie Curie website: [What is an SR1 medical report form for benefits? | Marie Curie](#)

How much is the discount?

The Council Tax discount can be **up to 100% of your bill**, depending on your individual circumstances and any other discounts you may be entitled to. If you qualify for any other discounts, these will be applied first to reduce your bill. The terminal illness discount will then be added to bring your bill down to nil, where applicable.

How do i apply?

You can apply for the discount online by completing the Terminally Ill Discount Application Form: [Victoria Forms | Online Forms Viewer](#)

To complete your application, you will need to upload evidence showing both sides of your completed SR1 form. Screenshots or photos are acceptable if you have a copy. You can upload this evidence via our evidence upload form - [Evidence Attachment Form \(1.1\)](#)

If you do not have a copy of your SR1 form, you can give us permission to request one directly from the medical professional who issued the form.

Can someone apply on my behalf?

Yes, someone can apply for the discount on your behalf. This could be a family member, or you may seek support from services such as Citizens Advice Barnsley, Marie Curie, or Macmillan Cancer Support.

What happens after I apply?

Once your application and supporting evidence are received:

- Your eligibility will be reviewed.
- If your application is approved, you will receive a revised Council Tax bill reflecting the discount.
- If your application is refused, you will receive an explanation of the reasons and information on how to appeal the decision.

How long does the discount last?

The discount begins from the date the SR1 form is issued, **but not before 1st October 2025** (the date the discount was introduced). The discount will continue until the earliest of the following:

- Two months after the date of death of the terminally ill person.
- The date the terminally ill person no longer lives at the property.

If the terminally ill resident moves out, the discount will end for that property. However, if they move to another property within the Barnsley Council area, they can apply for the discount at their new address.

What if my council tax changes?

If your Council Tax liability changes, the discount will be adjusted so it does not exceed the new amount.

Examples:

- If you currently receive a 25% single person discount and a 75% discount due to terminal illness, your bill is fully covered (100% discount). If a family member moves in, your single person discount would be removed. However, your terminal illness discount would then increase to 100%, maintaining full coverage of your bill.
- If you receive a 100% discount due to terminal illness and a carer moves in to support you, you may be eligible to apply for a 25% carer discount. If awarded, your terminal illness discount would be adjusted to 75%, ensuring your total discount remains at 100%.

What if my property isn't within Barnsley Council's area?

The terminal illness discount is only available for properties that are liable for Council Tax under Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

Do I need to notify you of any changes?

Yes, please notify the Council in writing of any changes that could affect your entitlement to the discount. Once we are aware of the changes we will update the discount on your Council Tax account.

Need help?

If you have further questions or need assistance with your application, please contact our Council Tax team on 01226 787787 (Option 2), Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.