

Severely mentally impaired qualifying criteria for Council Tax discount

A person will be disregarded for Council Tax purposes if they are Severely Mentally Impaired which means that a person has a severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning (however caused) which appears to be permanent.

To qualify:

A certificate will be required from a registered general practitioner (we will request this)

AND

The person claiming must be in receipt of a qualifying benefit, or have been in receipt of a qualifying benefit, which has only ceased due to the person reaching pensionable age.

The qualifying benefits are as follows:

- **Incapacity Benefit** under section 30A , SS40 and 41 of the Social Security (Contributions and Benefits) Act 1992
- **Employment & Support Allowance**
- **Attendance Allowance** under Section 64 of the Social Security (Contributions and Benefits) Act 1992
- **Severe Disablement Allowance** under Section 68 of the Social Security (Contributions and Benefits) Act 1992
- The **care component** of **Disability Living Allowance** paid either at the **highest rate** or at the **middle rate** under sections 71 and 72 of the Social Security (Contributions and Benefits) Act 1992
- The **standard** or **enhanced rate** of the **daily living component** of personal independence payment (PIP)
- An increase in the rate of **Disablement Pension** under Section 104 of the Social Security (Contributions and Benefits) Act 1992
- **Disability Working Allowance** under Section 129 of the Social Security (Contributions and Benefits) Act 1992. This has been renamed **Disabled Element of Working Tax Credit** (previously known as **Disabled Person's Tax Credit**)
- **Unemployment Supplement** under Part 1 of Sch 7, of the Social Security (Contributions and Benefits) Act 1992
- **Unemployment Allowance** under Part 1 of Sch 7, of the Social Security (Contributions and Benefits) Act 1992
- **Constant Attendance Allowance** under article 14 of the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983 or Naval, Military or Air Force (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Order 1983
- **Income Support** where the applicable amount includes a disability premium

- The **'limited capability for work'** or the **'limited capability for work related elements'** of Universal Credit