# COUNCIL TAX

# CARE LEAVER REDUCTION APPLICATION FORM

From 1 April 2018, you could be eligible for a council tax reduction if you were looked after by a local authority from age 16 and you are not yet 26 years of age. If you attended children’s hearings and were looked after at home, by relatives or placed in local authority care, you are a care leaver.

Council Tax reference Number

Address:

Daytime telephone number:

Email Address

Full Name of Care Leaver

Date of Birth

Please list below all people aged 18 or over living at the address.

Name: Date of birth:

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If anyone has recently left this property please confirm their name, the exact date they left and their forwarding address:

Name Date left

Forwarding Address:

**A LETTER FROM THE LEAVING CARE TEAM CONFIRMING THAT YOU ARE A CARE LEAVER MUST BE ENCLOSED WITH YOUR APPLICATION. PLEASE SIGN THE DECLARATION ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.**

**Guidance Notes**

If you are the only adult in the property you will be entitled to exemption from council tax. This means you will not have to pay any council tax or mains water/wastewater charges as long as you continue to qualify for the reduction. This also applies if all the occupants are care leavers, students or severely mentally impaired.

If you live with another adult who is not entitled to a reduction you can be disregarded for council tax purposes. This means that your council tax and mains water/wastewater charges can be reduced by 25%.

Even if there are other adults also resident you may still be entitled to a reduction if they are also disregarded or exempt for council tax purposes. If you are unsure please phone the council tax enquiry line on 030 33 33 3005 or apply and we will let you know.

The Leaving Care Team will provide you with a letter confirming that you are a care leaver. This must be handed in with your form. If you were looked after in another Council area please contact their Leaving Care or Aftercare Team for a letter confirming you qualify.

**Declaration - To be signed by the liable person**

Ideclare that the information on this application is correct**.** I will notify you immediately

of any changes that might affect my Council Tax.

I understand that giving false information is an offence for which a penalty can be imposed and you may check the information with other sources as allowed by the law.

I understand that any information I have provided will be used in the administration of my Council Tax account. You may give information to other parties where the law allows this.

Signed: Date:

Please now return your completed form along with the letter confirming you are a care leaver to any of Dumfries & Galloway Council’s Customer Service Centres or to the address below:

**For further information or advice contact**:

Dumfries and Galloway Council, Communities Directorate, Local Taxation Team, PO Box 9089, Dumfries, DG1 9EB

Council Tax Enquiry Line:  **030 33 33 3005**

[www.dumgal.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/counciltax)

**Our office at Carruthers House is now closed. For enquires please visit your local Customer Service Centre or contact us using the details above.**

The Data Controller of the personal information being collected and processed is **Dumfries and Galloway Council**. This privacy notice will inform you why we collect your personal data, how long we will keep your data, the intended processing of your data and any other information that will make the processing of your data fair, lawful and transparent. Should the Council intend to process your data for another reason, which is not specified in this notice, or for statutory functions; the Council will contact you to provide information.

**Dumfries and Galloway Council Contact Details:**

Address: Dumfries and Galloway Council, Council Headquarters, English Street, DG1 2DD

Email: contact@dumgal.gov.uk

Telephone: 0303 333 3000

**Data Protection Officer’s Contact Details:**

Address: Data Protection Officer, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Council Headquarters, English Street, DG1 2DD

Email: dataprotection@dumgal.gov.uk

Telephone: 01387 260315

Dumfries and Galloway Council are collecting your data to allow us to administer and collect Council Tax.

The Council need to collect your name, your address and the names of any other adult residents of your address.

The legal basis for collecting your data is that we have a legal obligation under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to administer and collect Council Tax. As the data we collect is a statutory requirement, if you do not provide your personal details your liability for Council Tax may be incorrect.

The Council may, based on your circumstances, collect data concerning your health. This allows us to assess disregards and/or reductions to which you may be entitled. The legal basis for processing this data is that it is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest as we have a duty to protect public funds and ensure disregards/reductions are applied correctly.

Your information may be sharedinternally with other Council Departments, externallywith other local authorities, externally with organisations responsible for auditing the Council, externally with Credit Reference Agencies, externally with the Department for Work and Pensions. We share this information to allow us to ensure your liability for Council Tax is correct and to enable collection of Council Tax. Your data will be stored in accordance with Council Tax recovery procedures, and for a minimum of 7 years.To keep your data secure, it will be held on a password-protected network; with access restricted to staff that have a business need to access your data.

You have the:

* Right to be informed
* Right to access
* Right not to be subject to automated individual decision-making, including profiling
* Right to object or restrict processing
* Right to data portability
* Rights to correction and deletion

You have a responsibility to contact Dumfries and Galloway Council to update your information if it changes.

Should you wish to lodge a complaint, provided are the details of the supervisory authority; the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO):

Address: Information Commissioner’s Officer, Wycliffe House, Water Lane. Wilmslow, Cheshire

Telephone: 0303 123 1113