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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992**  
**CARE WORKERS REDUCTION OF COUNCIL TAX**

Thank you for your enquiry in respect of a reduction in Council Tax.

In order to qualify for a reduction in Council Tax a carer must fulfil the following criteria under Part I or Part II of the schedule to the regulations:

Under Part I, a carer must be:

- (a) providing care or support through a connection with the Crown, a charity or a local authority; and
- (b) employed for at least 24 hours a week; and
- (c) paid no more than £30 per week and £36 with effect from 1 Apr 98; and
- (d) resident where the care is given or in premises which have been provided for the better performance of the work.

OR

Under Part II, a carer must be:

- (a) providing care for a person who is entitled to one of the following state benefits:
  - (i) a higher rate attendance allowance;
  - (ii) the highest rate of the care component of a disability living allowance;
  - (iii) the highest rate of disablement pension;
  - (iv) an increase in a constant attendance allowance; and
- (b) resident in the same home as the person to whom care is being provided; and
- (c) providing care for at least 35 hours a week on average; and
- (d) not a disqualified relative of the person being cared for (a disqualified relative is either the spouse of the other or they live together as husband and wife, or the parent of the other, who is a child below 18 years of age).

You are required to send evidence of any allowances under Part II and also the number of occupants over 18, residing in the property.

Please make an application in writing, confirming the criteria you are able to meet. Send it to the Council Tax Section at the address shown at the top of this information sheet. If you have any queries please contact the Council Tax Manager directly on 01932 425417.