

[NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL](#)

[Council Tax Reduction for Disabilities](#)

If you or someone living in your home is permanently disabled you may be able to reduce your Council Tax bill.

[Eligibility for Reduction](#)

You may be able to get a reduction in your Council Tax if you are disabled or you have a disabled person living with you. Your property must also have one of the following to meet your needs:-

- A second bathroom or kitchen specifically for the use by the disabled person
- A room, which is not a bedroom, used to meet the needs of the disabled person, for example, dialysis
- Extra floor space to enable the disabled person to use their wheelchair around the home

Each of these features must be of essential importance to the wellbeing of the disabled person.

Stairlifts, handrails and other fixtures on their own do not qualify for the reduction.

[Applying for Reduction](#)

The person who is responsible for paying Council Tax has to make the application.

If you believe you may be entitled to this reduction then you can complete a claim form online at www.newforest.gov.uk or call 02380 285000.

Once your application has been received you will be contacted to arrange an appointment for an officer to visit your property. All Council officers carry an identification card which you should see before letting anyone into your home.

[Amount of Reduction](#)

If you are eligible for the reduction, your Council Tax band will be reduced by one band.