**Council Tax Disregard/Exemption for Students and Student Nurses**

The Council Tax charge is based upon the number of people living in a dwelling. If you are disregarded it means that we do not count you when we work out the number of people living in there.

When counting the number of people living in a dwelling, if there is just one student living there, a 25% discount may be granted. If all residents at a dwelling are students a 100% exemption may be granted.

If there are two or more residents in a household who are not entitled to status discount, the discount will not apply and the full council tax charge will be payable.

The following criteria must apply in order for a person to qualify as a student.

The Person is:

* Attending a full-time course of further or higher education at a University, College or other educational establishment which lasts for at least one Academic/Calendar year. Students must also be required to attend the course for periods of at least twenty four weeks in the year and be required to study for at least twenty one hours per week on average when in attendance.
* Or if under 20 years of age and attending a course which lasts more than 3 calendar months and involves at least 12 hours per week to be spent on the relevant activities of the course. The course must not be undertaken by correspondence, or in consequence of the person's job.
* The third category of student refers to foreign language assistants, who are treated as students during any period that they are appointed as such at a school or other educational establishment anywhere in Great Britain, provided that they are registered as foreign language assistants with the British Council.

**An original or a verified copy of your Student Certificate is required. This will be provided to you by your College or University.**

**Craven District Council Privacy Notice**

**Council Tax Discounts/Exemptions and Housing Benefit claims**

**What information do we collect from you?**When you apply for help with your council tax or rent, we may ask you for your name, contact details (home address, email addresses and telephone number) and details of your home, your household and your financial circumstances including bank accounts that you or household have. You may be asked for other personal details, for example about your health. If you are a tenant, we may ask you for details of your landlord.

**Why do we collect this information?**Your name and other identifying particulars and your home and personal, household and financial circumstances are needed to confirm your identity and to establish your entitlement to housing benefit and any council tax discounts or exemptions. If you do not provide the information requested, we may not be able to help you with your council tax or rent.

**Who might we share this information with?**The Council will not share any of the information that it holds about you with any other third party, without your consent, except where allowed by law. The Council is permitted to share the information that you have provided with other organisations in order to make sure that the information it holds is correct, to protect public funds and to prevent or detect crime. These organisations include the Department for Work and Pensions, HM Revenue and Customs, other local authorities, and certain credit reference agencies.

**What do we do with your information?**The information that you have provided will be held by the Council and will only be accessed by authorised Council employees. We will only use the information you have provided for the purpose of your application for help with your council tax or rent, and will not use it for any other Council purpose, unless this is provided by law.

**How long do we keep hold of your information?**The Council will keep hold of your information in accordance with the following rules:

* In case of queries, for as long as necessary to deal with any queries (in case your claim is unsuccessful).
* For the duration that your housing benefit claim or your council tax account remains active.
* After your claim or account has ended, based on any legal and regulatory requirements.

**How can I access the information you hold about me?**By making a Subject Access Request and going onto the Council’s website at <https://www.cravendc.gov.uk/data-and-transparency/data-protection-act/> or writing to the Data Protection Officer, Craven District Council, First Floor, Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton, BD23 1FJ. You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office as it can investigate compliance with data protection law: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

**Application Details**

**Please read the information on the cover page carefully before completing the form.**

**Council Tax Reference:**

**Property Reference Number:**

**Are all occupants Students? (Y/N)**

**Number of People living in the property (Aged 18 or over)**

**If yes complete Part A & Part C**

**If No complete Part A & Part B**

**PART A**

1. **Name of Council Tax Payer**

2. **Address**

Please also supply the following information, so we may contact you if we have a query:

Email address

The email address provided will be used to send your Council Tax Bill by email rather than a paper copy by post unless you tick the NO to ebilling box.

NO to ebilling

Daytime Telephone Number

**PART B – Student Details**

1. **Name of Student**

2. **Date of Birth**

3. **Name of Educational Establishment**

7. **Date course due to end**

6. **Date course commenced**

5. **Name of course being undertaken**

4. **Address of Educational Establishment**

**PART C – Student Exemption**

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| **Full Name of student** | **Date of Birth** | **Name & Address of educational establishment** | **Name of Course being undertaken** | **Course start date** | **Course end Date** |
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**Declaration**

Please read this declaration carefully before you sign and date it.

**I declare that the information given on this form is correct. I understand I must notify you immediately if there are any changes to the property or household which may affect any reduction I am granted.**

Signed ……………………………………………………. Date …………………………………………………………….

**Please remember to include Student Certificate provided by your College or University.**