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Council Tax

### Council Tax Discount – Severe Mental Impairment

Please return this form as soon as possible.

**Note for persons assisting applicants:** You should complete this first part of the form and then send/take it to the applicants doctor. In most cases, the doctor will be familiar with the medical history and may not need to see him/her before completing the certificate. Please return the form together with evidence of the applicants entitlement to the benefits shown overleaf.

Full name of applicant:  Address:	Doctors name:  Surgery/hospital address:
Full name of person acting on applicants behalf:  Address:  Signed:	Relationship to applicant:  Contact phone no:  Dated:
<b>Please state number of persons over the age of 18 resident in the applicants property:</b>	

**Request to doctor:** Please complete the certificate below

#### Doctor's Certificate

**For the purposes of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, a person is severely mentally impaired if he/she has a severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning (however caused) which appears to be permanent.**

Full name of applicant:

In my opinion, the person named above, is severely mentally impaired **and has been since**

Doctors signature and status (GP etc)

Doctors full name and surgery/hospital address:

Dated:

Telephone (Main Switchboard): **01884 255255**

DX: 49011 (Tiverton)

To contact your local Councillor on any matter, his/her name and address can be obtained from Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton, EX16 6PP or by Telephone on Tiverton (01884) 255255. Website: [www.middevon.gov.uk](http://www.middevon.gov.uk)

## **Qualifying benefits for council tax discount for severely mentally impaired people**

To qualify to be disregarded as severely mentally impaired, a person must be entitled to one of the following benefits, or, in the case of a benefit which ceases to be payable on reaching pensionable age, have been in receipt of that benefit until it ceased for that reason.

- 1. incapacity benefit under Section 30a of the Social Security (Contributions and Benefits) Act 1992;**
- 2. An attendance allowance under Section 64 of that Act;**
- 3. A severe disablement allowance under Section 68 of that Act;**
- 4. The care component of a disability living allowance under Sections 71 of that Act, payable at the highest rate under Section 72(4)(a) or at the middle rate under Section 72(4)(b) of that Act;**
- 5. An increase in the rate of disablement pension under section 104 of that Act (increase where constant attendance needed);**
- 6. A disability working allowance under Section 129 of that Act for which the qualifying benefit is one falling within subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii) of that section, or income support, and the applicable amount formerly payable included a disability premium, or is a corresponding Northern Ireland benefit;**
- 7. An unemployment supplement under Part 1 of Schedule 7 to that Act;**
- 8. A constant attendance allowance under:-**
  - (i) article 14 of the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983; or**
  - (ii) article 14 of the Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions 1983 (including that provision as applied, whether with or without modifications, by any other instrument);**
- 9. An unemployability allowance under article 18 of either of provisions referred to at (7) above**
- 10. Income support where the applicable amount includes a disability premium in respect of which the additional condition in paragraph 12(1)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 is satisfied.**
- 11. Incapacity benefit under Section 40 and 41 of that act.**

**Data Protection:** The information you provide may be recorded on a computer and held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. When collecting personal data for council tax purposes, that information may also be processed for electoral registration. If you want to know what information is held about you or the way we use your information, please contact the Data Protection Officer at Mid Devon District Council.