

Council tax reduction for disabled people

Who qualifies?

You may be entitled to a reduction in your council tax if your home has been adapted for a disabled person who lives there and there is either:

- a room mainly used for the care or therapy of the disabled person that is not a kitchen, bathroom or lavatory, or
- a second bathroom or kitchen which meets the needs of the disabled person, or
- the disabled person uses a wheelchair indoors and there is sufficient floor space to allow this

How is it worked out?

All homes are placed in one of eight valuation bands, from A to H. If you are entitled to a reduction your bill will be worked out on the band below the current band. If your home is in the lowest band the reduction will be 1/8 of the council tax for a band D property.

Does income affect this?

Your income is not taken into account although if you are receiving council tax benefit, this will be adjusted to allow for any reduction.

How to apply

You will need to complete a form, available on-line or from the address below. A doctor or other medically qualified person must sign the form in support of your claim.

A member of the council tax section will arrange to visit your home to help us to decide if you qualify for a reduction.

If you need this in large print, on tape or in

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Full details, forms and advice are available from:

www.luton.gov.uk/revenues

revenues@luton.gov.uk

**Revenues Office
4 Dunstable Road Luton LU1 1DX**

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What if I disagree with the decision?

If you are told that you don't qualify and you disagree please write to us giving the reasons you think our decision is unfair. The council then has two months to make a decision. If you are still unhappy you can appeal to a valuation tribunal.

Do I have to re-apply each year?

No, but we will need proof that your circumstances have not changed.