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| PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL | is dealing with this matter:  **Email:** counciltax@lincoln.gov.uk  Ref:  Direct Line: (01522) 873355  Minicom: (01522) 873693  Date: |

Dear

Re:

**Application for Council Tax Status Discount – Severe Mental Impairment**

Please find enclosed an application form for a status discount on the grounds of severe mental impairment.

Please complete the form and return it to me together with proof of entitlement to any relevant benefits as indicated on the application form. Any application received without the proof of benefits cannot be processed.

I will then seek confirmation on the applicant’s behalf of his/her medical condition in accordance with the enclosed form.

The form should not be sent to the applicant’s doctor.

I also enclose some information that may help you to complete the application.

Should you require any further information with regard to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on the number shown above.

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of the Revenues and Benefits Shared Service**

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**Council Tax - Application for a Status Discount for the Severely Mentally Impaired**

Date of Issue: Council Tax Account No

**Please complete this form giving details of the member of your household who you consider qualifies for this status discount.**

**PART 1** (Please complete in block capitals)

Name and usual address of person who may qualify for a status discount:

Surname: Forename(s)

Address

Date of Birth:

Which of the benefits listed on the accompanying notes is the person named above entitled to?

**A**  **B**  **C**  **D**  **E**  **F**  **G**  **H**  **I**  **J** 

What date did entitlement start?

**Please supply evidence of the benefit paid together with proof of the date entitlement commenced.**

Please supply the name and address of the applicant’s Doctor

Name of Doctor:

Doctor’s Address:

I authorise The Council to seek on the applicant’s behalf a certificate of medical condition from the above Medical Practitioner. I agree that the certificate should be returned to The Council

Signed

Name

Relationship

to Applicant

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992; COUNCIL TAX STATUS DISCOUNTS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SEVERELY MENTALLY IMPAIRED**

**NOTES TO EXPLAIN THE ABOVE STATUS DISCOUNT**

1. Someone may be entitled to a Council Tax status discount if they are entitled to one or more of the benefits listed below **AND**

2. They are severely mentally impaired (a person is severely mentally impaired if they have a severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning (however caused) which appears permanent) **AND**

3. They are stated to be severely mentally impaired in a certificate from a registered medical practitioner.

**THE QUALIFYING BENEFITS ARE:-**

A. Incapacity Benefit under section 30A or sections 41 & 41 of the Social Security Contributions & Benefits Act 1992.

B. Attendance Allowance under section 64 of the Social Security Contributions & Benefits Act.

C. Severe Disablement Allowance under section 68 of the Social Security Contributions & Benefits Act.

D. The care component of a Disability Living Allowance, payable at its highest rate or middle rate under sections 71 & 72 of the Social Security Contributions & Benefits Act.

E. An increase in the rate of Disablement Pension under section 104 of the Social Security Contributions & Benefits Act.

F. A Disability Working Allowance under section 129 of the Social Security Contributions & Benefits Act for which the qualifying benefit is one falling within section 129 (2) (a) (i) or (ii) or income support, and the applicable amount formerly payable included a disability premium.

G. An Unemployability Supplement under Part 1 of Schedule 7 of the Social Security Contributions & Benefits Act.

H. A Constant Attendance Allowance under article 14 of the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983 or article 14 Naval, Military and Air Forces etc (Disablement and Death) Services Pensions Order 1983.

I. An Unemployability Allowance under article 18 of the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983 or article 14 Naval, Military and Air Forces etc (Disablement and Death) Services Pensions Order 1983.

J. Income Support where the applicable amount includes a Disability Premium.

**NOTE:**

Where a benefit was payable, but ceased to be payable on reaching pensionable age, the benefit that was payable still allows the person to receive this exemption.