

## **CARERS**

There are many ways to define a carer. Council Tax legislation specifically defines how Councils should consider applications for a carers discount.

There are two different sets of these conditions for each type of recognised carer; one applies to **care workers** and the other to **home carers**.

### **1- CARE WORKERS**

A care worker is someone who:

- provides care or support on behalf of a 'relevant body', or was introduced to and is employed by the person they care for by a 'relevant body' (a 'relevant body' is a local authority, central government or a charity);
- is employed to provide this care for at least 24 hours a week
- is paid £44 or less per week;
- lives in the premises provided by their employer or the relevant body to carry out their duties.

### **2- HOME CARER**

A home carer is someone who:

a) provides care to someone who is receiving:

- higher rate Attendance Allowance **or**
- the highest rate of the care component of the Disability Living Allowance **or**
- an increase in the rate of Disablement Pension **or**
- an increase in Constant Attendance Allowance

b) lives in the same place as the person they care for

c) provides the care for an average of at least 35 hrs a week

d) is not caring for their husband, wife or partner

e) is not caring for a child under 18

**To qualify for a carer's discount you must write in with evidence that you meet the necessary criteria set out above.**