

## Disabled reduction

If you or any person who has their main home in this property is disabled, and you/they require an extra room (e.g. an extra bathroom or kitchen) or extra space to permit the use of a wheelchair, you may be entitled to a reduced Council Tax bill. Where these conditions are met, your bill will subsequently be calculated as if the property had been placed in the band immediately below the one shown in the valuation list, (e.g.) the bill for a property in Band C would be calculated as if the property was in Band B. Following a change in the legislation, disabled people living in properties in Band A can qualify for this reduction from 1 April 2000. If a disabled reduction has already been allowed, this is shown on your bill.

In order to qualify for a band reduction the adaptations/features must satisfy certain criteria such as:

- a room (other than a bathroom, kitchen or toilet) used mainly by the person with the disability. For example, you might get a reduction if you have an extension or extra room used for storing dialysis equipment, or a bedroom on the ground floor in a dwelling with two or more floors
- an additional bathroom or kitchen for the use of the person with the disability
- extra space inside the dwelling to allow for the use of wheelchair.

If you feel you qualify for such a reduction you should complete a Disabled relief application form. An inspection of your home will be required. If you are on a low income you may also be able to claim Council Tax Benefit.