

Non Domestic Rates Application for Disabled Persons Relief



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INFORMATION

This application form enables you to apply for a relief of rates under the terms of the Rating (Disabled Persons) Act 1978. Please complete all sections of this application and return it to the above noted address.

Name of Organisation Claiming Relief: _____

Address of Premises for which Relief is being claimed: _____

Property Ref. _____

Account No. _____

Are the premises used for any of the following?

The provision of residential accommodation for the care of persons suffering from illness? (see Note 3) **YES/NO**

The provision of residential accommodation for the aftercare of persons who have been suffering from illness?
YES/NO

The provision of residential accommodation for the care of disabled persons? (see Note 3) **YES/NO**

The provision of residential accommodation for the aftercare of disabled persons? **YES/NO**

The provision of facilities for training, or keeping suitably occupied, persons suffering from illness or who have been suffering from illness? **YES/NO**

The provision of facilities for training, or keeping disabled persons suitably occupied? **YES/NO**

The provision of welfare services for disabled persons? **YES/NO** If YES, please detail below the type of welfare services provided:

The provision for disabled persons of facilities for employment or work on their own account in terms of Section 15 of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1944? (see Note 4) **YES/NO**

The provision of sheltered employment (workshop or other facilities) by a Local Authority, in terms of Section 3 (1) of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1958? (see Note 5) **YES/NO**

Are the premises used for any ancillary or purpose, other than those mentioned in the previous section of this application? **YES/NO** If YES, please provide details below:

Please expand further on the major purposes for which the premises are used, clarifying the disability / illness suffered by the users of the building:

Declaration

I UNDERSTAND THAT: - The Council is under an obligation to manage public funds properly. Accordingly information that you provide the Council will be used to ensure all sums due to the Council are paid timeously. The information may also be used to prevent and detect fraud. It is possible that this information may be shared for the same purposes with public bodies, including Councils or other organisations which handle public funds.

I AGREE THAT: - You may make any enquiries necessary to check the information I have given. I understand that any relief awarded to me as a result of misleading statements deliberately given on this form will be recovered in full and that I may be liable to legal action.

I DECLARE THAT: - The information I have given on this form is true, complete and correct. I understand that the deliberate provision of false information in order to achieve financial gain is a criminal offence.

Signature _____

Date _____

Contact Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Explanatory Note to Accompany Disabled Persons Relief Application

1. The applicant must be shown in the Council's Assessment Roll to be the rateable occupier.
2. To qualify for relief, lands and heritages must be occupied by a Local Authority or other body and 50% or more of the floor area must be used wholly or partly for one or more of those purposes specified and partly for purposes ancillary thereto.
3. The word "care" does not include the provision of medical, surgical or dental treatment and if the premises are mainly used for such a purpose then the answer to these questions should be "NO"
4. Section 15(1) of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1944 States:
"Facilities may be provided as specified in this section for enabling persons registered as handicapped by disablement who by reason of the nature of the severity of their disablement are unlikely either at any time or until after the lapse of a long period to be able otherwise to obtain employment, or to undertake work on their own account (whether because employment or such work would not be available to them or because they would be unlikely to be able to compete therein on terms comparable as respects earnings and security with those enjoyed by persons engaged therein who are not subject to disablement), to obtain employment or to undertake such work under special conditions, and for the training of such persons for the employment or work in question."
5. Section 3(1) of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1958 states:
"A Local Authority shall have the power under this section to make arrangements for the provision of facilities for any of the purposes mentioned in Sub-Section (1) of Section 15 of the principal Act (which relates to the provision for registered persons who are seriously disabled of employment, or work on their own account, under special conditions, and of training for such employment or work); and in relation to persons ordinarily resident in the area of a Local Authority, the Authority shall, to such extent as the Minister of Labour and National Service may direct, be under a duty to exercise their powers under this Sub-Section".
6. Relief granted under this Act is considered as a reduction of rates liability for the purposes of calculating relief under Section 1 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions, etc.) (Scotland) Act 1962.
- 7. Please also enclose a copy of the Constitution or Articles and Memorandum of Association of your organisation where appropriate.**