

Application to apply for an exception to the Council Tax Premium



Address of property application relates to: Council Tax Account Number:
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This application form requests details relative to the factors that South Lakeland District Council will take into account when deciding if an exception to payment of the Council Tax Premium can be granted.

The Council Tax Premium is a 100% increase on the Council Tax set, making the total charge 200% on properties which have been unoccupied and unfurnished for a period of at least two years.

Each case will be treated strictly on its merits and all applicants will be treated equally and fairly through administration of the scheme.

If you need additional space to answer questions please provide on a separate sheet clearly marking the number of the question to which your response relates.

1. For those owners who are genuinely attempting to sell or let their property which has been vacant for at least two years:

(a) Please provide details of any professional advice and assistance that has been obtained?

(It is expected that when a property has been vacant for two years a professional agent with specialist knowledge of the locality will have been engaged).

(b) Have any offers to purchase or rent the property been received?

If Yes – why were those offers refused?

(Written confirmation of the reasons for refusal will be required from a professional agent).

(c) Is the sale price or rental in line with recent sale or rental prices for similar properties in the locality? (Please provide comparisons and explain reasons if not in line with similar properties)

(d) Has the property been put up for sale by public auction? *(Please provide details)*

(2) For those owners who are experiencing particular legal or technical issues which is preventing the sale or letting of the property

(a) Is there a legal difficulty or issue which is preventing the sale or letting of the property?

(A solicitor's or legal conveyancer's letter should be produced in evidence detailing the reasons preventing sale or letting)

(b) Is a sale or letting being delayed by the actions of a Public Body? If yes, please provide details.

(3) For those owners who are in negotiation with the Council with a genuine view to letting the property under the Council's Management Scheme(s)

(a) Have you registered a genuine expression of interest in transferring management of the property to the Council with a view to letting the property to local people with housing needs?

(The Council's Empty Homes Officer will also be asked to provide details)

(4) Cases where imposition of the Council Tax Premium would result in hardship and a reasonable person would regard the imposition as unfair.

Will imposition of the Council Tax Premium result in hardship to anyone suffering from serious illness or disability? Please provide details

Granting an exception under this criterion is likely to be the exception rather than the rule (If you wish to make a claim on the grounds of financial hardship a separate form must be requested where details of your income/expenditure and any capital held will need to be provided)

I confirm these details are correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signed:.....	Date:
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