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**COUNCIL TAX
APPLICATION FOR DISCOUNT
SEVERE MENTAL IMPAIRMENT**

Note for persons assisting applicants:

You should complete this form and send it, along with evidence of entitlement to benefits, to the applicant's doctor. In most cases, the doctor will be familiar with the applicant's medical history and may not need to see him/her before completing the certificate. If no proof of Benefit please contact this office.

Number of people aged 18 and over normally resident in the dwelling
(Including the person for whom this application is made)

Full name of applicant:

Address:
.....

I declare that the person named above is entitled to one or more of the benefits listed overleaf, and I enclose evidence of such entitlement.

Doctor's name:
(This will normally be the applicant's GP)

Address of surgery/hospital:
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Request to Doctor:

Please complete the certificate stating whether the person named above is severely mentally impaired. Please send this application form, the enclosed documents which relate to the applicant's entitlement to benefits, and the certificate to North Wiltshire District Council, Monkton Park, Chippenham, in the pre-paid envelope provided.

Signature of person acting on applicant's behalf:

Full name:

Relationship to applicant:

Address:
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Certificate to be completed to your Doctor

For the purposes of the Local Government Act 1992, a person is severely mentally impaired if he/she has a severe impairment of intelligence and social functioning (however caused) which appears to be permanent.

In my opinion, the person named above is severely mentally impaired and has been so from –
Date: ____/____/____

Doctor's signature: Doctor's name:

Surgery/hospital address:
.....

Doctor's status (GP etc.):..... Date: ____/____/____

Please return the application, the certificate and evidence of the applicant's entitlement to benefits to Customer Services, North Wiltshire District Council, Monkton Park, Chippenham in the pre-paid envelope provided.

QUALIFYING BENEFITS FOR COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE

To qualify as severely mentally impaired a person must be entitled to one of the following benefits, or, in the case of a benefit which ceases to be payable on reaching pensionable age, have been in receipt of that benefit until it ceased for that reason.

- (a) an incapacity benefit under section 30A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992; an attendance allowance under section 64 of that Act;
- (b) a severe disablement allowance under section 68 of that Act;
- (c) the care component of a disability living allowance under section 71 of that Act, payable at the highest rate under section 72(4)(a) or at the middle rate under section 72(4)(b) of that Act;
- (d) an increase in the rate of his disablement pension under section 104 of that Act (increase where constant attendance needed);
- (e) a disability working allowance under section 129 of that Act for which the qualifying benefit is one falling within subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii) of that section, or is a corresponding Northern Ireland benefit;
- (f) an unemployability supplement under Part 1 of Schedule 7 to that Act;
- (g) a constant attendance allowance under:
 - (h) (i) article 14 of the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983; or
 - (ii) article 14(1) of the Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Order 1983 (including that provision as applied, whether with or without modifications, by any other instrument).
- (i) An unemployability allowance under -
 - (i) article 18(1) of the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983; or
 - (ii) article 14(1) of the Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pension Order 1983 (including that provision as applied, whether with or without modifications, by any other instrument).
- (j) Income Support where the applicable amount includes a disability premium satisfying conditions in paragraph 12 (1)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987.
- (k) Incapacity Benefit under sections 40 & 41 of the Social Security Contribution and Benefits Act 1992.

The requirements for the above are:

That the person in question has reached pensionable age as defined for the purposes of Part I and vi of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, and

that had he not reached pensionable age he would have been entitled to one of the benefits listed above.