Although only the liable person(s) can apply for a reduction it may be in respect of any disabled person living in the dwelling for which the reduction is sought.

**The authority must be satisfied**

a) that there is a disabled resident who needs either space for a wheelchair to be used inside the home, or an additional kitchen or bathroom, which is required for meeting the needs of any qualifying individual resident in the dwelling.

b) that there is a room which is essential or of major importance to the wellbeing of the disabled resident because of the nature and extent of his/her disability.

**Name and Address of Applicant**

Please provide your telephone number / email address:

**Name of Disabled Person**

**Grounds for Application**

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**Please Note:** It may be necessary for the Council to obtain additional information or to arrange a home visit to complete the application.

**Declaration**

The information given on this form is correct. I undertake to notify you immediately if I believe that I am no longer eligible for a reduction granted in respect of this application e.g. disabled person leaves the property or passes away.

Signature of applicant………………………………………. Date……………………………………..

**Data Protection**

The information you have provided will be shared across Bath & North East Somerset Council in order to deal with your application and to help us improve services. We will not give information about you to anyone else, or use information about you for other purposes, unless your consent has been given or the law allows this.
Notes on Disability Relief

1. You, as the liable person, may apply for a reduction in the Council Tax bill under the disabilities regulations. A reduction is applicable if one of the following is a feature of the dwelling and is required as essential or of major importance to the well-being of the disabled person (child or adult) resident in the dwelling because of the nature and extent of his or her disability:

   a. A room other than the bathroom, kitchen or lavatory which is used predominantly by the disabled person.
   b. A second bathroom or kitchen.
   c. Extra space inside the property to allow for wheelchair circulation.

   In deciding whether any of these conditions apply I must consider whether, if the room or extra features were not available:

   i. The disabled person would find it physically impossible or extremely difficult to live in the dwelling.
   ii. His / Her health would suffer or the disability would be likely to become more severe.

2. The reduction will be equivalent to a re-banding of the dwelling into the band immediately below that shown in the Valuation List. Only one reduction may be given in respect of any dwelling, even if it qualifies under more than one of the conditions above.

3. A reduction may be granted under a. above in respect of an extension or an existing room. Examples are rooms used for storing dialysis equipment or wheelchairs.

4. Any special fixtures provided for a physically disabled person which add to the value of their dwelling will have to be disregarded in the valuation process. Fixtures which will reduce value will, however, have been taken into account. These arrangements are independent of the reduction in bills described above. Both may therefore apply to the same dwelling.

5. If the property is only fitted with a chairlift for the stairs or a lift and none of the above applies then the property is not eligible for a reduction of the band.

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