

If you require any further information, advice or assistance on the Council Tax exemptions and discounts available please do not hesitate to contact the Council Tax Office on:

0845 603 0592

You can contact the Benefits Service on the following telephone numbers:

Pensioner Team: 01294 324060

Working Age Team: 01294 324601

www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Council Tax Advice for the Bereaved



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Council Tax Discounts and Exemptions

If your partner has died:

And you are now the only adult in the property then you may be entitled to a reduction in your Council Tax. The Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages automatically notifies the Council Tax office when a death is registered locally.

We will then update the Council Tax register and award the appropriate discount. Please also see the information below on Housing & Council Tax benefit.

If a relative has died and the property they resided in is now empty:

If the property of the deceased person remains empty, then the person now responsible for the property may qualify for a 100 percent exemption.

If a Grant of Confirmation is to be obtained exemption will be granted for a maximum of six months from the date of Confirmation. Thereafter, a 10 percent discount will apply until the property transfers to a new owner or tenant.

Please complete an exemption application form and return in the pre-paid envelope attached.

What is a Grant of Confirmation?

A Grant of Confirmation is the legal title to allow the executors or appointed executors to uplift an estate and distribute it. A formal application is made to the Sheriff Court in order to allow Confirmation to be granted. Your solicitor will be able to provide you with the Date of Confirmation if obtained. However, a Grant of Confirmation is not always required for an estate.

Housing & Council Tax Benefit

When a partner dies your income may be affected. If you are in receipt of Housing or Council Tax Benefit then you should contact the Benefits Service who will be able to advise you about your claim.

If you did not previously claim as a couple, you may now be able to get help with paying your Rent and Council Tax, if your income is low.