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Application for Council Tax discount or exemption for severe mental impairment

Note for person assisting applicants: **You must complete this form and send it, with any 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 them before completing the certificate.

Account reference:	
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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.

Signature of person acting on behalf of applicant: _____

Full name: _____ Date: _____

Telephone number and email address for person acting.	Phone:
	Email:

Address:	
Relation to the applicant:	
Names of all occupiers over the age of 18 at the applicant's property	
Doctor's name:	
Address of surgery / hospital:	

REQUEST TO DOCTOR: Please complete this Certificate stating whether the person named is severely mentally impaired. Please send this application form, the enclosed documents that relate to the applicant's entitlement to benefits and the completed certificate to Eastbourne Borough Council at the address shown above.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATE OVERLEAF

DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE

Account reference:	
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This certificate is for use in deciding whether the person named is severely mentally impaired for Council Tax purposes. **Please note that this exemption is for life.**

Full name of applicant:	
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For the purposes of the Local Government Finance 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 since ____/____/____.

Doctor's signature: _____

Doctor's status (GP etc): _____

Doctor's full name: (block capitals)	
Surgery / hospital address:	

Qualifying benefits for Council Tax discount or exemption for severely mentally impaired people

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

- Incapacity benefit
- Attendance allowance
- Severe disablement allowance
- Disability living allowance (higher or middle-rate care component)
- Increase in disablement pension (due to constant attendance being needed)
- Unemployability supplement or allowance
- Constant attendance allowance
- Income support (which includes a disability premium)
- Personal independence payment (standard or enhanced daily living component)
- Armed forces independence payment
- Disability working allowance (based on getting income support including disability premium)
- Universal credit (including an element for limited capability for work or limited capability for work and work-related activity)