

## **Council Tax Qualifying Criteria for Older Persons Discount Scheme**

1. Discount is 10%
2. Apply to all SCC/Police/Fire elements
3. Period applicable - indefinitely
4. Qualifying age is 65 at the 1st April 2009
5. Proof of age is not required
6. Must be the Council Tax payer on the bill 'now'
7. All residents at the property must be 65+
8. If they reach 65 during the year can only qualify from the following 1<sup>st</sup> April
9. If in receipt of Council Tax Benefit they do not qualify
10. If they are in receipt of Council Tax Benefit on 1<sup>st</sup> April but subsequently lose it during the year they will be entitled to the discount from the day after benefit ceases
11. If they are not in receipt of Council Tax Benefit at 1<sup>st</sup> April, qualify for Discount, but subsequently are awarded Benefit during the year, remove Discount from the date Benefit awarded
12. If they move into the area during the year, meet the qualifying age, they have to wait until next 1<sup>st</sup> April to receive discount
13. If they move within the area Discount automatically transferred
14. Does not apply to Care/Residential homes