

Paying for Council Tax

Half day course

Who is this course for?

Are you or your clients paying more council tax than you should be? Did you know that you may be able to get your bill reduced or be able to get help with paying your bill?

This half day course is for advisers who want to find out more about ways in which a client's council tax payments could be reduced. The course does not assume any knowledge of the benefits system.

Aim

To raise awareness of ways in which a client's council tax can be reduced. The course will particularly focus on the help available for disabled people and their carers.

Objectives

By the end of the course, participants will:

- Be aware of which dwellings can be exempt from council tax with regard to disability or caring
- Be familiar with the reduction scheme for people with disabilities
- Be aware of when a discount may apply to the council tax bill, and be able to identify which disabled people or carers can be "disregarded"
- Have an awareness of who could apply for Council Tax Benefit
- Have an awareness of the Second Adult Rebate Scheme
- Be aware of Discretionary Housing Payments for council tax