

Application to apply for Discretionary Exception to the Council Tax Long Term Empty Homes Premium

Address of property application relates to:

Council Tax Account Number:

This application form requests details relative to the factors that Westmorland and Furness Council (the Council) will take into account when deciding if an exception to payment of the Council Tax Premium can be granted. The premium will usually be removed for a period of 12 months and reapplications will be considered should the circumstances continue beyond this period.

The Council Tax Premium is set at differing levels depending on how long a property has been unoccupied. It starts with a 100% increase (making the total charge 200%) on properties which have been unoccupied and unfurnished for between one and five years, a 200% increase on properties which have been unoccupied and unfurnished for a period of at least five years and a 300% increase on properties that have been unoccupied and unfurnished for over ten years.

Each case will be treated strictly on its merits and all applicants will be treated equally and fairly through

For those owners who are experiencing particular legal or technical issues which is preventing the sale or letting of the property:

- (a) Please detail the legal difficulty or issue which is preventing the sale or letting of the property.

(A solicitor's or legal conveyancer's letter should be produced in evidence detailing the reasons preventing sale or letting)

- (b) Is a sale or letting being delayed by the actions of a Public Body? If yes, please provide details.

I confirm these details are correct to the best of my knowledge and understand that I need to inform the Council within 21 days should the circumstances relating to this exception change:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Returning the form

Please return the form to the council office where you live.

If you live in the former Barrow area, you can email it to counciltax1@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

If you live in the former Eden area, you can email it to counciltax2@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

If you live in the former South Lakeland area, you can email it to counciltax3@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Alternatively, if you are submitting your application, please send it to:

Revenues Team	Revenues Team	Revenues Team
Town Hall	Voreda House	South Lakeland House
Cornwallis Street	Portland Place	Lowther Street
Barrow in Furness	Penrith	Kendal
Cumbria	Cumbria	Cumbria
LA14 2LD	CA11 7QF	LA9 4DQ

If you need any further advice or information, please contact us on 0300 373 3300