

13 May 2020
Our ref: 6262388

Thank you for your request received on 12 April 2020, for the following information:

1. - How many student discounts have been applied by the authority for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years? For clarity I would like this broken down by numbers of CLASS N Exemption and numbers of individual Student Disregard Discounts applied.

2. - What evidence of being a full-time university student does the authority require to satisfy the application for student disregard discount?

3. What evidence do the authority require to apply a Class N discount to a property?

Class N - (1) A dwelling which is either'

(a) occupied by one or more residents all of whom are students;

(b) occupied only by one or more students as term time accommodation;

4) - Does the authority accept or engage in any digital/online validation of evidence of being a full-time university student? If 'Yes' please provide information about how this happens and with which Universities.

5) ' Does the authority rely on any lists of full-time student supplied by universities and in which case please state which institutions provide this method

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

1. - How many student discounts have been applied by the authority for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years? For clarity I would like this broken down by numbers of CLASS N Exemption and numbers of individual Student Disregard Discounts applied.

Type of Relief	2018-19	2019-20
Class N Exemptions	1,447	1,494
Student Disregards	2,044	2,072

2. What evidence of being a full-time university student does the authority require to satisfy the application for student disregard discount?

Student Exemption certificate (this must confirm the name of the course being studied, start and end date of the course and that the course is full time.

3. What evidence do the authority require to apply a Class N discount to a property?

Class N - (1) A dwelling which is either'

(a) occupied by one or more residents all of whom are students;

(b) occupied only by one or more students as term time accommodation;

Confirmation of the number of adult occupants and confirmation in the form of student certificates that confirm they are all students.

4. Does the authority accept or engage in any digital/online validation of evidence of being a full-time university student? If 'Yes' please provide information about how this happens and with which Universities.

No.

5) ' Does the authority rely on any lists of full-time student supplied by universities and in which case please state which institutions provide this method

No.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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