



Response to Request for Information

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Council Tax on Empty Homes and Second Homes

Request:

I need the council tax discount/premium on second homes, on homes empty for longer than 6 months and homes empty for longer than 2 years as a percentage of the standard council tax in your council from 2009 to 2018.

For each year from 2009 to 2018:

- 1) the council tax on second homes, as a percentage of the standard council tax rate
- 2) the council tax on homes empty for longer than 6 months, as a percentage of the standard council tax rate
- 3) the council tax on homes empty for longer than 2 years, as a percentage of the standard council tax rate.

All other councils have been able to provide me with data before 2013. Can you confirm that you do not hold that information?

[In response to your above questions, please see our response attached on page 2.](#)

For the years 2009 to 2012

Properties which were Unoccupied and 'Substantially Unfurnished'	Class C Exemption (0% of the standard charge) for up to 6 months; if empty for longer, 50% of the standard charge once the exemption expired.
Properties Unoccupied and 'Uninhabitable due to Major Repairs or Alterations'.	Class A Exemption (0% of the standard charge) for a period of up to 12 months
Properties Unoccupied and 'Substantially Furnished' or Second Home	75% of the standard charge

For the years 2013 to 2015

Properties Unoccupied and 'Substantially Unfurnished' for up to 21 days	0% of the standard charge for up to 21 days.
Properties Unoccupied and 'Substantially Unfurnished' from 22 days up to 2 years	100% of the standard charge
Properties 'Substantially Furnished' or Second Homes	100% of the standard charge
Properties Unoccupied and 'Substantially Unfurnished' for 2 years or more	150% of the standard charge

For years 2016 to 2018 (*All discounts for empty properties were removed from 2016*)

Properties Unoccupied for up to 2 years	100% of the standard charge
Properties Unoccupied and 'Substantially Unfurnished' for 2 years or more	150% of the standard charge
Properties 'Substantially Furnished' or Second Homes	100% of the standard charge