

FOI Ref
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(CCC) Council Tax exemptions

The number of Council Tax exemptions granted for students enrolled at BPP University for the period September 2020- July 2021

I would like to know the number of student Council Tax exemptions that were granted to students enrolled at BPP University for the period of September 2020 to July 2021

Response

Thank you for your request for information in relation to students enrolled at BPP university.

I note that you made a similar request for this information in April 2021.

Our position has not changed, and I can confirm that we are unable to report on the number of individuals who have been granted an exemption based on being a student following a Post Graduate Diploma in Law at BPP University (Cambridge). Whilst our billing system records the start and end date of any course resulting in the award of a student exemption/disregard.

Whilst we can identify the educational establishment where required on a case by case basis we do not hold those details against the individual account record. Therefore, we are unable to provide the data requested without reviewing every account and associated documents held against those accounts where a student exemption or discount has been awarded. This would involve checking several thousand documents to identify those awards made in respect of BPP students. Regrettably this exercise would far exceed the reasonable time frame detailed in Section 12 of the FOI Act.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities not to comply with request for information if the Authority estimates that the costs of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit, which for Local Government is set at £450. This represents the cost of one person spending 2.5 working days (18 hours) on your request, calculated at £25 per hour per person.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk
