

FOI Ref

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Response sent

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### **(CCC) Council Tax Exemptions**

I would like to know how many individuals have been granted council tax exemption on the basis of being full-time students for courses lasting 8 months.

And

I would like to know how many individuals have been granted council tax exemption on the basis of being a full-time student for the following course: Post Graduate Diploma in Law at BPP University (Cambridge).

### **Response**

Regretfully you have not stated a date/period from which you wish us to search our records and in the absence of this have provided information dating from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

81 individuals have been granted either an exemption or student disregard since the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 when undertaking courses of further or higher education based on information provided by their educational establishments.

Regretfully 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). Our system records the "to and from date" of any course resulting in the award of a student exemption/disregard. It is not therefore possible to answer this question without reviewing every account and student evidence received individually which may will exceed the reasonable time frame allowed to answer this question.

Any student exemption/disregard granted is however awarded in good faith based on the information provided by educational establishments. It is normally for educational establishments to ensure the information they provide is accurate and in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992. It is possible on occasion that an establishment may provide incorrect information resulting in exemption being incorrectly applied but wherever possible applications are verified before approval.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to [foi@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk)