

This discount can only apply for a period of up to 12 months and ends if the property becomes occupied or furnished. Before this discount can be allowed, a visit will be made by a visiting officer to confirm if it applies.

Types of repair work and alterations included

Major repair works include structural repairs. The following types of repairs are included:

Roofs

- Major repairs to roof structures.
- Rebuilding defective chimney stack(s)

External Walls

- Rebuilding external walls, for example to extend the property

Foundations

- Repair/renewal of foundations
- Underpinning substandard foundations

Floors

- Replacing defective solid floors
- Replacing defective floor joists

Internal

- Property totally gutted including removing most internal walls
- Replacing defective ceiling joists
- Rebuilding defective walls

Types of repair work and alterations not included

The types of repairs and alterations listed below will not qualify a property for an uninhabitable property discount:

- plumbing or heating
- replacement/repairs of bathroom and kitchen or any other fitting/fixtures
- rewiring
- timber or damp proof treatments
- re-plastering (walls or ceilings)
- drainage
- repairs or renewals of services
- maintenance, for example re-pointing, window/door replacement
- redecoration