

Benefits Assessment Unit

For office use only Reference number:

Date claim received

Name: Address:

Phone number:

Housing Benefit Change of Address Form

Please complete this form if you are currently receiving Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit and the only change to report is a change of address.

If there have been any other changes to your income, capital or household please request a BAU1 form

Details about you and your partner:

		You		Your partner
Surname:				
First names:				
Date of birth:				
National insurance no:				
Details about your old	address:			
		You		Your partner
What was your previous address?:				
What date did you leave this address?:				
Details about your ten	ancy:			
Which of the following are	you? Rer	nt from a private Landlord		Housing association tenant (including Pennine 2000)
	Liviı hos	ng in board and Lodging c tel	or 🗌	Housing association shared ownership tenant
	Nor	ne of the above	Please descr	ibe below:
Actual date that you r	moved in to	the property		
Do you have a joint tenan	cy (not inclu	iding with your partner)?		Yes No
If 'yes' please give us th names of your joint tena				

We need to know the name and address of the landlord (owner) of the property you live in. We won't accept a 'care of' address. If you pay your rent to an agent, we also need to know the name and address of the agent. Please give full details – a PO box number or bank account number is not enough.

Landlord's name:				Agent's name:			
Address and postcode:				Address and postco	ode:		
Phone number:				Phone number:			
Are you or your partner re	lated to y	our landl	ord or your	landlord's partner?	Yes		No
lf 'yes', how are you rela	nted?						
Are any of your children re	elated to y	our lanc	llord?		Yes		No
If 'yes', give the children	n's full na	nmes an	d what the	relationship is:			
Have you or your partner	previously	y owned	this property	/?	Yes		No
If 'yes', on what date did	l you sto	p ownin	g the prope	erty		/	/
Are you or your partner a	director o	f your la	ndlord's com	ipany?	Yes		No
Date tenancy started:	/		/				
Length of tenancy:	/		/	Date tenancy due to	o end:	/ /	,
Is your tenancy an assure	d shorthc	ld tenan	cy?		Yes		No
Is there a pre-tenancy det	erminatio	n?			Yes		No
Has the rent been register	red?				Yes		No

IMPORTANT:

If you delay moving in after your tenancy start date you will lose benefit.

Details about your rent:

Proof: We need to see proof of the rent you pay. For example, your tenancy agreement or letter from your landlord or agent. We cannot accept a photocopy. The proof you send us must show the name and address of your landlord or agent.

What is the full rent you are charged?	£ :	In joint tenan much are you	t cases how I liable to pay?	£ :
And how often is it due?	Every week	Every 2 weeks		
	Every month	Every 4 weeks	othe	er
If other say how often:				
Do you have any weeks whe	n you don't pay rent?		Yes	No
If 'yes' please say how many	Number of	weeks:		
And when they are		Dates:		
Is your accommodation .				
A house? A bungalow?	A maisonette?	Detached?	Semi-detached	? Terraced?
A flat? In a block?	Over a shop?	In a house?		
A room A hostel? Or rooms?	Other?	Please give details:		
Occupancy details				
Total no. of rooms in the proper No. of rooms you & your family			Kitchens Bath- rooms	Toilets Other
No of rooms you share with othe	ers:			
Which floors do you live on?	basement	ground	first	
If you live in only one room, v Is it in the house? How many floors are there in		centre	back	
	a central heating system		Yes	No
Is it furnis		Fully	Partly	No
	jet breakfasts?		Yes Yes	No No
	jet midday meals? jet evening meals?		Yes	No
Who is responsible for decora			You	Landlord

Are any of the following included in the rent?

Services

Council Tax	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Water rates	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Garage	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Heating	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Hot water	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Cooking facilities	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Lighting	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Cleaning	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Laundry	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Gardening	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Nursing & personal care	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Medical expenses	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Counselling or support	yes	no £ :	Do not know
Other (please give details)	yes	no £ :	Do not know

Payment of Housing Benefit

If you rent your own property from a private landlord, your claim will be considered under the Local Housing Allowance. Payments of Housing Benefit under this scheme will be made to you, directly into your bank account. If there is any reason why you would be unable to manage your own rent payments, or you do not have a bank account, please call into the Benefits Assessment Unit and speak to an advisor or contact us on 0845-245-8000.

All other tenants, please state if you want your Housing Benefit paid directly to your landlord:

yes

no

Please provide either your own or your landlord's bank details below:

Name of the account holder:	
Name of the bank or building society:	
Sort code:	
Account number:	
Roll number:	

If your Housing Benefit is paid directly to your landlord, the Benefits Assessment Unit will automatically share information about your award with your landlord. We may also contact your landlord if further information about the tenancy is required.

In respect of claims for housing benefit under the Local Housing Allowance rules effective from 7 April 2008 an award of Housing Benefit can only be paid directly to your landlord where you meet certain criteria and vulnerability proven under the Safeguard Policy. It is expected that the majority of awards will be paid directly to tenants. It may also be the case that you do not want your Housing Benefit paid directly to your landlord.

If you are happy for the Benefits Assessment Unit to contact your landlord for further tenancy information or to provide award details then please answer the following statements and sign to say that you give your permission. If you do not give permission then no information will be given or contact made with your landlord.

On no account will personal information in connection with your household, income or capital be provided to any third party without your permission to do so.

I give permission for the Benefits Assessment Unit to provide information to my landlord regarding my Housing Benefit award. This will include the amount of award and payment due date.		No		
I give permission for the Benefits Assessment Unit to contact my landlord for further information in connection with my tenancy.	Yes	No		

Full name (in CAPITALS)	
Address	
Signature	
Date	

Anything else you wish to tell us

Please write below any details you wish to give us that you have not been able to give us elsewhere on this form:

WARNING: It is an offence to give false information

Please read this declaration carefully:

- This is my/our claim for Housing/Council Tax Benefit.
- I/we declare that the information I/we have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of my/our knowledge.
- I/we authorise the Council to make any necessary enquiries to verify the information on this form.
- I/we authorise the Council to cross check the information I/we have given with other sections within the council, Rent Officer, other council and benefit services.
- I/we understand that if I/we give information that is incorrect or incomplete or fail to report any changes that might affect my/our benefit I/we may be prosecuted.
- I/we understand that I must report in writing any changes in my circumstances.

Your signature:	Date	/	/	
Your partner's signature:	Date	/	/	

Form filled in by someone other than the person claiming

Please tell us why you are filling in this form for claimant			
Name of the person who filled in the form:			
Signature of person:	Date	/	/
Relationship to claimant:			

If you wish to act as the personal representative of the person claiming benefit in the future, please ring 0845-245-8000 and ask for an appointee form.

Please return to:

BY POST

IN PERSON

Benefits Assessment Unit	
PO Box 660	
Halifax	
HX1 1ZT	

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