Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support claim form







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Reference number	

About this form

Please fill in as much of this form as you can. You must fill in any part that is relevant to you and all the questions in that part. Please use black ink to fill in this form and write your answers clearly. When you have filled in the form, please return it without delay otherwise you may lose out. If you cannot provide the proof we need, you can send it later.

If you need help completing this form or need other forms, please phone us or come into one of our offices for advice. You can also find advice on our website. Our contact details are given at the back of this form.

Where you see the sign I you must provide proof.

If you would like to apply for Second Adult Rebate only please fill in our **Second Adult Rebate form** (you can download this form from our website). Please note that Second Adult Rebate is only available for people of qualifying age for Pension Credit.

Please note: For Council Tax Support, where the word 'claim' is used this means 'application', and where the word 'claimant' is used this means 'applicant'.

For office use only

Date requested	Date issued	Date received

Pa	rt A About you and your part	ner			
1.	What do you want to claim? Hou	using Benefit	Council Tax S	upport	Both
2.	Do you have a partner?	Yes		No	
	If 'Yes', you must answer all question person you live with as if you are motivil partners.				
		You		Your Part	ner
3.	Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, other)				
4.	Last name				
5.	First name(s)				
6.	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	1 1		/	/
7.	National Insurance Number				
8.	Please tell us of any other names you have used before				
9.	The address you want to claim for				
			Po	ostcode	
10.	What date did you move into the property?	/ /		1	/
11.	Are you the only person in the property over the age of 18?	Yes No	If 'Yes', from what date?	1	/
12.	Are you temporarily absent from the property?	Yes No]	Yes No	
	If 'Yes', please tell us when this abs	sence started, when you	expect to return	and the reason	for absence.
	Date absence started	1 1		/	1
	Date you expect to return	1 1		/	/
	Please tell us your reason for ab	sence in Part K.			
13.	Phone number(s)				
14.	E-mail address				
15.	Do you want your award notification to be sent by e-mail?	Yes No			
	(This ontion is not available for (Canterbury City Council	residents)		

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Pa	rt A About you and your part	ner (continued)	
		You	Your Partner
16.	What was your last address?		
17.	At this address were you the owner, tenant or living with friends or family or other?		
18.	What dates did From: you live there?		
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19.	What is your nationality?		
20.	If you have come to live in the United Kingdom, when did you last arrive?	/ /	1 1
21.	Are you a student?	Yes No	Yes No
	If 'Yes', please fill in a Student Info	ormation form (you can download t	this form from our website).
22.	Are you registered blind?	Yes No	Yes No
23.	Have you been unable to work for more than 52 weeks because of illness or disability?	Yes No	Yes No
24.	Does anyone get carers allowance for looking after you?	Yes No	Yes No
	If 'Yes', who gets this?		
25.	Do you have a non-resident carer who regularly stays overnight in your home to look after you or your partner?	Yes No	Yes No
	If 'Yes':		
	Do you have a room that is used solely for the carer to sleep in overnight?	Yes No	Yes No
	Does the carer have his or her own home(s) elsewhere?	Yes No	Yes No

Part B About children

1. Please tell us about all the children who normally live with you.

If there are more than three children in your household, please use Part K to tell us all the information we ask for on this page.

	First Child	Second Child	Third Child
Surname			
First name(s)			
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	/ /	/ /	/ /
Boy or girl?			
The child's relationship to you			
The child's relationship to your partner			
Usual address if different from yours			
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Do you get Child Benefit for this child?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Do you pay childcare for this child?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Are they registered blind?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Do they get Disability Living Allowance?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
•	dren need their own bedroor	m due to health or disability?	Yes No

If you pay childcare, please fill in a Childcare Costs Certificate (you can download this form from our website).

Part C About other people who live with you

1. Please tell us about all other people who normally live with you even if they do not pay you rent, apart from any joint tenants.

If there are more than three other people in your household, please use Part K to tell us all the information we ask for on this page.

	First Person	Second Person	Third Person
Surname			
First name(s)			
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	/ /	/ /	/ /
Their relationship to you or your partner			
If any of the people who live with you are married to each other, or living together as if they are married or civil partners, please tell us here			
When did they move in?	1 1	/ /	/ /
Do they pay rent or money for lodgings to you or your partner?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Does this include meals?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
If they work, how many hours per week do they work?			
If they work, please tell us their gross weekly earnings			
Do they get any income, including interest from savings?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
If 'Yes', please give details in Part K.			
If this person is in any of the following categories, please tell us which			
Categories: Full time student, s impaired, in legal custody, in ho		apprentice, youth trainee,	severely mentally
• • •	eed their own bedroom due	•	Yes No

If anyone listed above is working, we must see their last five weekly, three fortnightly or two monthly wage slips. If you do not provide these, it may lead to us paying you less.

1.	Do you or your partner do any work worked or whether you are paid?	, regardless of the hours	Yes No
	If 'Yes', please answer all the quest	tions in this part. If 'No', go to Part	E.
2.	Are you or your partner self-employ	red?	Yes No
	If 'Yes', please fill in a Self-employ	ed Income form (you can downloa	ad this form from our website).
		You	Your Partner
3.	What is the name of your employer?		
4.	When did you start this job?	/ /	/ /
5.	How many hours do you work on average each week?		
6.	How much do you get paid?		
7.	How often?		
8.	How are you paid, for example cash, cheque or BACS?		
9.	If you expect your earnings to change please tell us when and why		
10.	If your job is due to end soon please tell us the date	/ /	/ /
11.	Do you pay into a private pension scheme?	Yes No	Yes No
12.	Are you getting Statutory Sick Pay, Maternity Pay, Paternity Pay or Adoption Pay from your employer at the moment?	Yes No	Yes No
	If 'Yes', when do you expect to return to work?	/ /	/ /
13.	Do you have any other jobs? If 'Yes', please give full details in Pa	Yes No No nrt K.	Yes No

Part D

Questions about work

You must tell us straight away if your earnings change, this includes any periods of overtime or if you earn more or less than usual.

If you have recently started work and do not have any payslips, please ask your employer to fill in a **Certificate Of Earnings form** (you can download this form from our website).

Part E About the money you have coming in

1. Please tell us about all other income you or your partner get or are waiting to hear about.

You need to include state or work pensions, Tax Credits, Pension Credits, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment, Child Benefit, maintenance or child support, rental income, tips, annuities, charitable or voluntary payments, or any other income you receive.

If you and your partner have no income, write 'none' and explain why and how you are meeting your day to day living expenses in Part K.

Type of income	Received by who	Received for who	Amount received	How often?	Waiting to hear

Pa	art F About bank and building society accounts, savings and investments									
1.	Do you or your partner have any bank, building society or Post Office accounts, savings or investments (this includes ISAs linked to mortgages), Premium Bonds or stocks and shares, property in the UK or abroad including any money, property or land that is being looked after for you or does anyone owe you money?									
	Yes If 'Yes', tell us	about a	Il of your ca	pital	by answe	ring the	quest	tions belov	v.	
	No If 'No', go to	Part G.								
2.	If you are of working age, do	o you hav	ve a total ho	useh	old capita	al of £5,	500 or	more? Y	es No	
3.	If you are of pensionable ag	e, do you	u have a tota	al ho	usehold c	apital of	£9,50	00 or more	e? Yes No	
	If your answer to question 2 accounts even if they are er		•			•		ounts inclu	ding current	
! 4.	Bank, Building Society or Po	ost Office	accounts							
	Name of Bank or Building	Society	Account N	umb	er	Amou	unt	Held by	/	
! 5.	Stocks and shares									
	Name of company				Number	of shar	es	Held by		
! 6.	National Savings Certificate	s and Pro	emium Bond	ds						
	Name	Issue t	уре	F	Amount in	vested	Date	of issue	Held by	
! 7.	Do you or your partner own (other than the home you live		•							
	holiday homes, in the UK or This includes properties and there is a mortgage or loan, or jointly held with another p	abroad? land on held in ti	which	Yes	8	No		f 'Yes', ple A1 form download to rom our w	his form	
8.	Do you have any savings th	at are he	eld in cash?	Yes	3	No		f you have Yes', to a	e answered ny of	
! 9.	Does anyone owe you mon	ey?		Yes	3	No		questions please giv	5 to 8, e details and	
! 10.	Do you have any other form	of capita	al?	Yes	s []	No		amounts i	II Pari N.	

	Par	art G Questions for people who pay rent								
	If you	ou would like help with your rent, please fill in this section. If not, please go to Part J.								
	1.	Are you a council tenant	? Yes	No	If 'Yes', p	please go to Part I.				
!	2.	What date did your tenar	ncy start?		/	/ /				
!	3.	How much is the full rent	?							
!	4.	How often is the rent cha	arged?							
	5.	What was the date of the	e most recent rent increa	ase?	1	/	_			
	6.	When is the next rent inc	rease due?		/	/				
	7.	What period of notice to	vacate the property is re	equired?						
	8.	Does anyone else share	the rent with you and you	our partner?	Yes	No				
		If 'Yes', tell us their name percentages of rent they and their relationship to y your partner (if you have		9	-					
	9.	Do you have any weeks you do not have to pay re		No	lf 'Yes', how ma	any?				
	10.	Were you able to afford t	he rent when you took	on the tenancy?	Yes	No				
	11.	Have you or your partner	received Housing Bend	efit in the last 52 v	weeks? Yes	No				
	12.	Are you behind with your	rent? Yes	No	If 'Yes', how mu	ich?				
	13.	Does your rent include a the amount. Leave blank	•			oox if you don't know				
		Service	If included, how much?	Service		If included, how much?				
		Heating		Water rates						
		Lighting		Personal care a	nd support					
		Hot water Cleaning of accommodation								
		Fuel for cooking		TV Licence						
		Laundry		Gardening						
		Garage		Other						
	14.	Does your rent include?	Breakfast	Part E	Board	Full Board				
	15.	If you rent a garage, is it	part of your tenancy?		Yes	No				

Pa	rt G	Question	ns for	people who pa	y rent	t (conti	nued)		
16.	For e	example, be	edsit, ro	dation do you rer om, flat, bungalo d), maisonette, c	w, hou				
17.	Wha	t is your roo	om or fla	at number?					
18.		se tell us be oms you sh		e number of roon	ns in th	ie prope	rty, the nu	mber of rooms	you use and the number
	Тур	e of room		Number of property the access to			used jus	of rooms at for you r household	Number of rooms that you share with others
	Livii	ng rooms							
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21. 22.	. How many floors are there in the property?						☐ ☐ 1st floor☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐		
23.	The	property is	let as	F	- urnish	ed	Partly	Furnished	Unfurnished
24.	Does	s your home	e have		Gard	len	Centr	ral Heating	Parking Space
25.	Who	is respons	ible for	interior decoratio	on? Y	′ou	You	ur landlord	Don't know
26.	Do y	ou use you	r home	for business?	Υ	es		No	

27.	What is the full na	me, business address and phone number of yo	our landlor	d?	
	Full name	Phone	number		
	Address				
	E-mail address				
28.	If your landlord ha phone number.	s an agent, who you actually pay rent to, pleas	e tell us th	eir full nam	ne, address and
	Full name	Phone	number		
	Address				
	E-mail address				
29.		ner or your children related to your landlord indlord or agent's partner?	Yes		No
	If 'Yes', what is the	e relationship?			
30.	Is your landlord a	previous partner of yours?	Yes		No
31.	Have you or your	partner ever owned the property you are renting	g? Yes		No
	If 'Yes', when did t	his change?		/	/
32.	Do you have a lea	se that is for 21 years or more?	Yes		No
33.	Are you, or have y looked after under	ou been under a care order or the Children Act?	Yes		No
34.	Have you previous people for at least	sly lived in a hostel for homeless three months?	Yes		No

Questions for people who pay rent (continued)

Part G

Part H Paying Housing Benefit

Please give us your bank or building society details so we can pay you. **Do not write your landlord's details here.** If we can pay your landlord we will write to them to get their details.

Please note that we only pay Housing Benefit by BACS and it will be paid direct into your bank or building society account.

We are not able to make payments into some accounts, such as Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs), Post Office Card Accounts and some Savings Accounts. If you are unsure whether you have a suitable bank account or would like help to open an account, please contact us or your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

Address of your Bank or Building Society												
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						F	Postco	ode.				
Names as they appear o	n the acc	count										
Branch sort code												
									1			
Account number												
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Building Society account/roll number												
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- Feel it will help you get or keep a tenancy
- Cannot read and write, or speak English
- Are addicted to drugs, alcohol or gambling
- Are fleeing domestic violence
- · Have recently left care
- Have a mental illness that seriously impairs your ability to manage on a day-to-day basis
- Have just left prison following a long sentence
- · Have medical conditions

- · Have severe debt problems
- Have had recent county court judgements
- Have a proven, and substantial, history of rent arrears
- Are an undischarged bankrupt
- Have previously left a property, leaving substantial arrears
- Receive help from a homeless charity
- · Have learning disabilities

Please give us more details in Part K if this applies

Part I Sharing information with your landlord

Sharing information with your landlord or their agent can help us to deal with your claim quickly and reduces the risk of you falling behind with your rent because your claim is delayed.

We may need to confirm information with your landlord before we can make a decision on your claim, for example, the start date of your tenancy. In these circumstances we can contact your landlord without your permission. Under the Data Protection Act 1998 we need your permission to discuss anything else.*

If you give us permission, we would be able to tell your landlord whether:

- You have claimed Housing Benefit
- We have made a decision on your claim
- We have made a payment to you; or
- · We need more information to make a decision on your claim, and, if so, what information we need

We will not give your landlord any information about:

- · Your personal or household circumstances; or
- Your financial circumstances

You can withdraw your permission at any time. It will not affect your claim if you don't give us permission to discuss your claim with your landlord. If you want to give us your permission to discuss your claim with your landlord, please sign below.

* In certain circumstances, under the Welfare Reform Act 2012, we can share information with your landlord

I give my council permission to share information with my landlord, or their agent.

without you	ur permission. We will only do this where the circumsta	nces of your	claim allov	v this to hap	pen.
Your signat	ture	Date			
Part J	Backdating				
backdate y	lly pay your award from the Monday following the day vour claim for up to: nonths from the date you ask if you are of pensionable	Ž	our claim. It	may be po	ssible to
 Six mon 	oths from the date you ask us if you are under pensional claim earlier	•	there is a	good reasor	n why you
1. What	t is the date you would like your award to start from?		/	/	
	e your circumstances different for the period nave requested backdating from?	Yes	No		

If you are under pensionable age and would like us to backdate your award please write and explain in **Part K** your reasons for not claiming earlier. For us to backdate your award you will have to have good cause for not claiming earlier. Examples may include if you have been unwell or if you have been in hospital or if family or personal circumstances affected your ability to claim earlier.

Your reasons for not claiming earlier must apply throughout the period you are asking for backdating and you will need to provide evidence to support your request if available.

Part K Additional Information

ction. If there is	e any more infor s not enough roc	om, please a	attach a se _l	parate she	et of paper.	
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Part L Declaration

Even if someone else has filled in this form for you, you must sign this declaration if you can. If you have a partner, getting them to sign this form should allow us to process your claim more quickly, but they do not have to sign. Please read this declaration carefully before you sign and date it.

- The information I have given on this form is correct and complete as far as I know and believe.
- I understand that if I knowingly give information or evidence that is incorrect, incomplete or false, I may be liable to prosecution or other action.
- I agree that you will use the information I have provided to process my claim for Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support, or both. You may check some of the information with other sources as allowed by the law.
- I understand that you may use any information I have provided in connection with this and any other claim for social security benefits that I have made or may make. You may give some information to other organisations, such as government departments, local authorities and private-sector companies such as banks and organisations that may lend me money, if the law allows this.
- I know that I must tell the Benefits Service of my Local Authority in writing straight away about any change in my circumstances which might affect my claim. Some examples of changes you must tell us about are given below (if you are not sure if a change may affect your claim please tell us anyway):
- If you rent your home, from somebody other than the council, any changes to your rent or conditions of tenancy
- If you change address, even to another room in the same house
- Absence from your home for more than 13 weeks
- Tax Credit changes
- If you or your partner start working or change employer
- If you or your partner have a baby
- If anyone joins or leaves your household

- If the income of anyone in your household goes up or down
- If a child leaves school or Child Benefit stops
- If you or your partner's income goes up or down
- If you or your partner's savings or investments go up or down, or
- If you or your partner come off Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance.

Signature of person claiming	ng			Date	/	/
Partner's signature				Date	/	/
The section below must be This includes an agent, app			e claim 1	form for you		
I have filled in this form on	behalf of					
As they cannot fill in the form because						
I am (block capitals)						
Relationship to the person	claiming					
As far as possible, I have c correct	onfirmed with th	ne person claiming th	at the an	swers I have	written on th	is form are
Signature of the person				Date	/	/

Part M Equality Statement (Optional)

The Race Relations Amendment Act (2000) says that we need to make sure that we deal with everyone equally and fairly. It would help us to know your ethnic background, so that we can make sure our services meet your needs. We will only use this information as the law allows.

Please choose one section from 1 to 5, then tick the box that best describes your cultural background.

1.	White	4.	Black or Black British
	British		Caribbean
	Irish		African
	Any other white background (please tell us below)		Any other black background (please tell us below)
		5.	Other ethnic backgrounds
2.	Mixed		Chinese
	White and Black Caribbean		Afghan
	White and Black African		Kurdish
	Any other mixed background (please tell us below)		Roma
			Any other background (please tell us below)
3.	Asian or Asian British		
	Indian		
	Pakistani		
	Bangladeshi		
	Any other Asian background (please tell us below)		

Proof we need before we can deal with your claim

If you don't provide all the information we have asked for on this form, we might not be able to pay you. We need the same proof for your partner and for any other adults living in your home (such as non-dependents in Part C). If you don't have the proof we need at the moment, send the form back to us now and send the proof later. We can start to process your claim, but we may not be able to pay you until we have all the proof.

If you don't provide the proof within one month of any request and don't let us know you are having difficulties in providing the information, we may have to make a decision without this information. This could mean you lose out.

Proof of identity: Such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, passport, National Insurance number card, medical card, driving licence, UK residence permit, EU National identity card or recent gas or electricity bill. We must see at least two documents that prove both you and your partner's identity (unless previously provided).

Proof of earnings: This means your last five payslips if you are paid weekly, your last three payslips if you are paid every two weeks, or your last two payslips if paid monthly. If you or your partner are self-employed, you need to fill in a Self-employed Income form.

Proof of other income: Such as pension slips from a former employer or a letter from the court showing how much maintenance you are getting. We need to see proof of any money people pay you for board and lodgings. If you receive any benefits or pensions we need to see the award notice from the Department for Work and Pensions, The Pension Service or The Service Personnel and Veterans Agency. If you receive a student grant or loan we need to see your financial assessment notice.

Proof of capital, savings and investments: Such as all your bank, building society or Post Office books or accounts with the interest made up to date (showing at least the last two months' transactions), or certificates for premium bonds, national savings certificates, ISAs, stocks, shares and unit trusts. We need to see proof of any interest or dividends you get on investments and savings.

Proof of rent for non-council tenants: Your original tenancy agreement, or a Confirmation of Rent Due form filled in by your landlord (this form can be downloaded from our website).

How your Local Authority collects and uses information

Your Local Authority will use the information you give in this form, and in any supporting proof you send, to process your claim for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support.

They may pass the information to other agencies or organisations such as the Department for Work and Pensions and HM Revenue & Customs, as allowed by the law. They may check information you have provided, or information about you that someone else has provided, with other information they hold.

They may share relevant information about you with other council departments, other councils, and landlords, to make sure you receive the correct amount of welfare benefits and services.

They may also get information about you from certain third parties, or give information to them to make sure the information is accurate, prevent or detect crime, and protect public funds. These third parties include government departments, other local authorities and private-sector organisations such as banks and organisations that may lend you money.

They will not give information about you to anyone else, or use information about you for other purposes, unless the law allows this.

Your Local Authority is the data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. If you want to know more about what information they have about you, or the way they use that information, please ask them.

Page 17 and 18 are for your information. Once you have filled in this form and signed the declaration please tear off these pages and keep them for your reference.

Part O How to contact us

Once you have filled in this form and signed the declaration, please return it to your Local Authority:

Canterbury City Council Residents

Military Road, Canterbury, **CT1 1YW**

Between: 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday

The Leisure Complex William Street, Herne Bay

Between: 8.45am to 4.45pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 1pm Saturday

Whitstable Library 31-33 Oxford Street

Between: 9.15am to 12 noon and 1pm to 4.45pm Tuesdays and Fridays

Phone us on: 01227 862300

E-mail: customer.services@canterbury.gov.uk website: www.canterbury.gov.uk

Dover District Council Residents

Dover Gateway, Castle Street, Dover

Between: 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday

Aylesham Health Centre, Queens Road, Aylesham

Between: 9am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday

Deal Library, Broad Street, Deal

Between: 9am to 5pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Guildhall, Sandwich

Between: 9am to 12.30pm

and 1.30pm to 4.30pm Tuesday and Thursday

Phone us on: 01304 872199

Head Office, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, CT16 3PJ

Between: 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday

E-mail: revenues@dover.gov.uk website: www.dover.gov.uk

Thanet District Council Residents

Thanet's Gateway Plus, **Cecil Street, Margate**

Between: 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday (8pm on Thursday) and 9am to 5pm Saturday

Phone us on: 01843 577552

Ramsgate District Office, 14 York Street, Ramsgate

Between: 8.45am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday

Head Office (By Post)

Benefits Service, Thanet District Council. PO Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ

E-mail: benefits@thanet.gov.uk website: www.thanet.gov.uk