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# North Devon District Council Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit Claim Form

Please fill in this form in black or blue ink.

- You must return this form to us immediately even if you do not have all the proof we ask for.
- You must send us the missing proof within one month or we will cancel your claim.
- Do not delay in filling in and sending us this claim form, You will lose benefit if you don't do this immediately.
- · You will need to send us various documents or proof to support your claim for benefit.
- We will only process this claim if you send us original documents or proof.
- We cannot accept photocopies. You must answer every question.
- If you need help with this form or you need more information please contact us by telephone:

Surnames	A to CON	01271 388390	Surnames	KIE to PAV	01271 388396
	COO to GAS	01271 388389		PAW to SME	01271 388395
	GAT to KIF	01271 388389		SMI to Z	01271 388396

### **Public Enquiries:**

If you have any questions to ask about this form our staff will be ready to help. Our offices are open as follows: -

#### Lynton House -

Monday to Friday 8.45am to 4.00pm.

#### Ilfracombe Community office -

Monday to Friday 9am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm

### **South Molton Community Office -**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.30am to 1.30pm & 2.00pm to 4.30pm Wednesday's 8.00am to 12.30pm

#### Please return this form to:

NORTH DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL REVENUES & BENEFITS BUSINESS UNIT LYNTON HOUSE COMMERCIAL ROAD BARNSTAPLE, EX31 1DG

If you need this form in alternative languages or require additional assistance due to language problems, please contact our Customer Services on 01271 388260.

#### **Notes**

Please read these notes before you fill in the form. If you do not have all the information we ask for, fill in the form and send it to us immediately. Send us the rest of the information within one month. If we do not receive the information within one month we will cancel your claim.

**When will your benefit start.** We can normally only pay Housing Benefit from the Monday after we receive your form. If you are a new tenant, we can pay it from the start of your tenancy, but only if we get your form on or before the Sunday after your tenancy starts. We cannot normally pay Housing Benefit for any time before you move in. Council Tax benefit has similar rules.

**How we will pay your benefit.** If you are a new private tenant, we will pay your Housing Benefit every two weeks in arrears to yourself or four weeks in arrears if you ask us to pay your benefit to your landlord for you. Any Council Tax Benefit you are awarded will be credited to your Council tax account and will show on your Council Tax bill.

**Second Adult Rebate.** This type of Council Tax Benefit is available to anyone who does not have a partner\*, but does not qualify for the Single Occupancy discount because they share their home with another person, who is aged 18 or older, and on a low income and does not pay them rent.

You only need to complete sections A, C and K to claim second adult rebate.

\* (Or whose partner is disregarded for Council Tax purposes)

**Under 25-year-olds.** If you are under 25 and single, your Housing Benefit may be reduced. This will only not apply if you have a partner, receive child benefit for a child in your care, have another adult with you who does not pay you rent, for example a friend or relative have been or are getting certain disability benefits.

**Backdating.** Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit will normally start from the Monday after we receive your claim form. It may be possible to backdate your claim if you can show exceptional circumstances why you did not claim earlier. If you think you have a good reason, please explain on a separate sheet, or use section **J**.

**Savings and Investments.** If you, your partner, or both of you have savings and investments of more than £16,000, we cannot pay you benefit unless you have been awarded guaranteed pension credit or guaranteed savings credit.

**Local Scheme.** The National Benefits scheme ignores £10 a week of any War Widows Pension or War Disablement Pension. We have a local scheme that ignores the full War Widows Pension or War Disablement Pension. We meet the cost of the extra benefits. **You must include the pension on the claim**.

**Change of circumstances.** You must tell us in writing, of any change in the personal or financial circumstances of you or any person within your household. (This includes non- dependants). You must tell us straight away or you may lose benefit.

**National Insurance Numbers.** You must tell us the National Insurance numbers of everyone over the age of 16 living in your home. If you do not, we cannot deal with your claim.

**How we collect and use information.** We collect information to work out Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit. We may check the information that you provide, or information that someone else gives us about you, with other information we hold. We will store the information on a computer system registered under the Data Protection Act 1998.

We may also get information about you from certain third parties, or give information to them, to check the accuracy of information to prevent or detect crime and protect public funds in other ways, as allowed by law. These third parties include Government departments, Agencies the Government employ for research, and Local authorities.

We will not give information about you to anyone outside the Council unless the law allows us to.

**Data Protection Act.** We are registered for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. If you want to know more about what information we have about you, or the way we use your information, you can ask at the address on the front of the form.

Please indicate which l	benefit you wish t	to claim,	, Housing I	Benefit	Counci	l Tax Benefit
Second adult rebate	If you are	claimin	g Second Adult	Rebate, P	lease fill in par	ts A, C and K only.
A - About you and your partner - Including civil partnerships  By partner we mean someone you are married to or lives with you as if you were married.						
Surname	Other Names	Title	Date of Birth	Na	ational Insur	ance Number
You						
Your Partner						
<b>National Insurance</b> numbers. Proofs of the						
Address (include the room or fl	at number)					
Post code						
Daytime Phone numbe	27					
At this address are y	ou, or will you	be a?	(only tick on	e box)		
Owner / occupier		Private	e tenant			
Housing association	n tenant	Hostel	dweller			
Boarder		other		Plea	se specify wha	t
What date did you mo	ve or plan to mov	e to this	s property?			
	You				Your Partn	ner
Please give any other	names (for exam	nle vour	maiden name)	vou have	used in the las	et three years
Trease give any other	You	pic your		you nave	Your Partn	-
	100				- Tour Furth	
Please give your previo	ous address					
	You				Your Partn	ner
Dates you lived there						
From	То		From	1	To	
Did you get Housing B	enefit or Council	Tax Ben	efit there?	Vac	□ No	

### A - About you and your partner (continued)

You	Your Partner
Have you or your partner lived in the Common This consists of The United Kingdom, Republic of	Travel area for all of the last two years? of Ireland, Channel Islands and The Isle of Mann.
Yes No	Yes No
If No, What is your Nationality?	
Have you or your partner been incapable of wor or disability?	rk for more than 28 or 52 weeks because of illness
Yes No	Yes No
Are you or your partner registered blind?	
Yes No	Yes No
If "yes" what is your registration number?	
Do you or your partner get Attendance Allowan	ice?
Yes No	Yes No
Do you or your partner get Disability Living Allo	owance?
Yes No	Yes No
Does anyone get Care Allowance for looking aft	ter you or your partner?
Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes", please say who it is paid to	
Are you or your partner in hospital, residential I	home or legal custody at the moment?
Yes No	Yes No
If "yes", please state which and give the date	
When do you expect to come home?	

### **Proof of incomes.**

Please provide evidence of your entitlement to Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance by sending in one of the following: -

- The latest award letter
- The payment book
- A bank statement showing the payment

We strongly advise that you bring payment books to our office rather than post them.

### A - About you and your partner (continued)

#### Students.

You	Your Partner
Are you or your partner a student?	
Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes", What is the name of the University or College?	
What is the name of the course?	
Is the course full time or part time?	
How many hours each week?	
What date will the course end?	
What are the Term dates?	
Autumn term: From To	From To
Spring term: From To	From To
Summer term: From To	From To
Do you get a student grant or loan?	
Yes No	Yes No

### Notes about students.

Full time students cannot claim Housing Benefit. The exception to this is if you are:

- Looking after a child or young person
- Aged 60 or over
- Disabled
- Receiving Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance (Income Based)
- Aged under 19 in further education but not higher education

All part time students can claim Housing Benefit.

Details and proof of your grant, parental contributions and covenant income are needed to work out your benefit.

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	First Child	Second Child	Third Child	Fourth Child
Surname				
First Name				
Date of birth				
Relationship to you				
If over 15 when will they leave school?				
What savings or investments do they have?				
-		ildren, please give	e us the details in se	ction J
Do they have income of the				
other than savings?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes  No	Yes No No
If "Yes", give details				
Do they get Disability Living Allowance?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Are they registered Blind?	Yes No	Yes No No	Yes No	Yes No
Do you pay childcare costs for any of these children?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes", give details of the childminder, nursery or after school club.				
Carer's registration number?				
What are each child's weekly childcare costs?	£	£	£	£
Name of the registering local authority?				

### **Proof of incomes.**

Please send in evidence of child benefit for each of the above children.

### **Proof of Child care costs**

Please send in receipts of the childcare costs you pay, it must show the costs, times and name of the person providing the care. Each childminder, nursery or similar scheme must be registered with a local Authority.

## C . About any other people living in your home

Apart from you, your partner and	any dependant children	i, does arryone else	live in your nome?
Yes No	If "No", go to Pa	art D	
If "Yes" How many a	re there?		
If "Yes", please list everyone else else who lives with you. You do n children you get child benefit for	ot need to give income	details for boarders	
	First Person	Second Person	Third Person
Title			
Surname			
First Name			
Date of birth			
National insurance number			
Relationship to you			
Do they pay you rent?	Yes No No	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes", How much do they pay and how often do they pay it?			
Do they work?	Yes No No	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes", what are their earnings each week before Tax and National Insurance?	£	£	£
Do they get Income support, Inco	me based Jobseekers Al	lowance ?	
or guaranteed pension credit?	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Do they get any other state bene	fits? Yes No No	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes", give the benefit name and the amount each week	£	£	£
Please state the amount of any other weekly income	£	£	£
Where does this come from?			

### **Proof of incomes.**

We need proof of income for anyone else who lives with to make sure you receive all the benefit you are entitled to.

If you do not send in this information, you may receive a reduced level of benefit.

### C - About any other people living in your home (continued)

	Fir	st Person	Second Person	Third Person
Do they get Disability Living Allow or Attendance Allowance?	ance Yes	No	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes", how much do they get each week?	£		£	£
What was their interest from savings in the last 12 months?	£		£	£
Do they provide care for someone	in your l	home for more t	than 35 hours each	week other
than their partner or child?	Yes	No 🗌	Yes No	Yes No
Is the care provided for you or your partner?	Yes [	No	Yes No	Yes No
Are they a student?	Yes	No 🗌	Yes No	Yes No
Note - This includes Nursing I	Diploma	students, You	ıth training traine	es and apprentices.
Are they severely mentally impair	ed? Y	es No	Yes No	Yes No
Are they in hospital or prison?	Y	es No	Yes No	Yes No
If "yes", please state which and give the date				
Are any of these partners?	Yes	No	Yes No	Yes No
If "yes", please say who				

### Proof of incomes.

Please provide evidence of their entitlement to Attendance Allowance or Disability living Allowance by sending in one of the following -

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- The payment book
- A bank statement showing the payment

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# $oldsymbol{\mathsf{D}}_{-}$ You and your partners Earnings

You	Your Partner
Are you in paid work? Yes No	Is your partner in paid work? Yes No
If "No", please go to part E	If "No", please go to part E
If "Yes", give your Employers Name and Address	If "Yes", give your Employers Name and Address
Postcode	Postcode
Job title	Job title
Payroll or reference number Date started	Payroll or reference number Date started
How often are you paid? Weekly  Fortnightly Monthly	How often is your partner paid? Weekly  Fortnightly Monthly
How many hours do you work each week?	How many hours does your partner work each week?
How much are you paid before any deductions are made? £	How much is your partner paid before any deductions are made? £
How do you get paid?	How does your partner get paid?
Cash in hand Cheque	Cash in hand Cheque
Into a bank account	Into a bank account
Please give account holders name and account number	Please give account holders name and account number
Do you receive Tax Credits in your pay? Yes No Please give details in section <b>F</b>	Does your partner receive Tax Credits in their pay? Yes No Please give details in section <b>F</b>
When was your last pay rise?	When was your partners last pay rise?
Do you pay into a private pension scheme? Yes No	Does your partner pay into a private pension scheme? Yes No
Do you pay into a company pension scheme? Yes No	Does your partner pay into a company pension scheme? Yes No

**Proof of incomes and pension schemes.**Please send in you and your partners last five payslips if paid weekly, the last three payslips if paid fortnightly or the last two payslips if paid monthly.
Please also send in proof of your pension scheme, along with poof of the payments you make.

Self-employed earning	ngs				
You		Your Partner			
Are you self-employed?	Yes No	Is your partne	r self-employed? \	'es No	
If "no", please go to part <b>F</b>		If "no", pleas	e go to part <b>F</b>		
If "Yes", What is your trade or	profession?	If "Yes", Wha	t is your trade or pro	fession?	
When did the business start?		When did the	business start?		
Do you use your home for business purposes?	Yes No	Does your par for business p	tner use your home urposes?	es No	
Do you pay into a private pension scheme?	Yes No	Does your par pension schen	tner pay into a privat ne?	e 'es	
Are you registered for V.A.T?	Yes No	Is your partne for V.A.T?	_	es No	
Proof of self employed earnings Please send in your latest audited accounts but if you do not have any we will send you a form to list your income and expenditure.					
- Other income					
Private pension and annuiti	es				
Do you or your partner receive	a private pension or a	innuity?			
	You		Your Pa	rtner	
Private pension	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Private pension  If "Yes" please state the amoun		No	Yes	No	
_		No		No	
If "Yes" please state the amour		No		No	
If "Yes" please state the amour And how often it's paid		No		No	
If "Yes" please state the amour And how often it's paid Pension company's details	ent £		£		
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### F Other income

Do you or your partner get Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based) Or Guaranteed pension credit?

You	Your Partner
Yes No	Yes No

Do you or your partner receive any of the following pensions?

	You	Your Partner				
State retirement pension  If "Yes" please state the amount  And how often it's paid	Yes No L	Yes No				
Widows pension  If "Yes" please state the amount  And how often it's paid	Yes No £	Yes No				
Widowed parents allowance If "Yes" please state the amount And how often it's paid	Yes No £	Yes No				
War disablement pension  If "Yes" please state the amount  And how often it's paid	Yes No L	Yes No				
War widow's pension  If "Yes" please state the amount  And how often it's paid	Yes No L	Yes No				
War dependant's pension  If "Yes" please state the amount  And how often it's paid	Yes No £	Yes No				
Any other pensions  If "Yes" please state the amount  And how often it's paid	Yes No £	Yes No				

### **Proof of pensions**

Please provide evidence of your entitlement to any of the benefits and allowances listed above by sending in one of the following -

- The latest award letter
- The payment book

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Do you or your partner receive any of the following Benefits and allowances ?

	You	Your Partner
Job seekers allowance contril	bution based Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Employment training	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Child benefit	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Child tax credit	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Working tax credit	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Disabled persons tax credit	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Pension credit	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Short term incapacity benefit	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Long term incapacity benefit	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Disability working allowance	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		

### Continued)

Do you or your partner receive any of the following Benefits and allowances ?

	You	Your Partner
Attendance allowance  If "Yes" please state the amount	Yes No £	Yes No L
And how often it's paid		
Disability living allowance - ca If "Yes" please state the amount And how often it's paid	re Yes No	Yes No
Disability living allowance - m  If "Yes" please state the amount  And how often it's paid	bility Yes No No £	Yes No
Severe disablement allowance If "Yes" please state the amount And how often it's paid	Yes No £	Yes No
Industrial injuries benefit  If "Yes" please state the amount  And how often it's paid	Yes No	Yes
Maternity allowance If "Yes" please state the amount And how often it's paid	Yes No	Yes
Carers allowance  If "Yes" please state the amount  And how often it's paid	Yes No	Yes
Any other allowance  If "Yes" please state the amount  And how often it's paid	Yes No	Yes

### **Proof of incomes**

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- The payment book

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# **F**<sub>-</sub> Other income (continued)

Do you or your partner receive any of the following Benefits and allowances ?

	You	Your Partner
Statutory sick pay from employe	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Youth training schemes	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Maintenance payments received For adults	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Maintenance payments received For children	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Student grant or loan	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Payment from boarders	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Payments from letting or sublett	ing Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Payments from charities	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		
Payments from voluntary groups	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
And how often it's paid		

## **G** - Other information

		You	Your Partner
Are you or your partner caring for any Allowance or the care element of Disa		Yes No	Yes No
Have you or your partner been in full- Or do either of you plan to be?	time education in the last year	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes", please give the course dates	/ / To / /	/ /	To / /
Have you or your partner applied for a not received it?	any other benefit and	Yes No	Yes No No
If "Yes", please tell us which benefit a	nd the date you claimed it – yo	ou will need to send	us the award letter
	/ /		/ /
Are you or your partner provided with	an invalid carriage or car?	Yes No	Yes No
Do you or your partner make contribu	tions towards a student grant?	? Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes", how much?	£		
H-Cash, savings and invest  Do you or your partner have any of the			Partner
		. 50.	
		_	
Current account	Yes No	Yes	No
If "Yes" please state the amount	Yes No £	Yes £	No
			No
If "Yes" please state the amount			No
If "Yes" please state the amount Name of bank or building society			No
If "Yes" please state the amount Name of bank or building society Account number	£	£	
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# H-Cash, savings and investments continued

Do you or your partner have any of the following savings or investments ?

		10011010101
A Building Society account	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
Name of bank or building society		
Account number		
Second building society account	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
Name of bank or building society		
Account number		
A Post Office account	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
Account number		
Second post office account	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
Account number		
Giro accounts	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
Account number		
PayPal account	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the amount	£	£
Account number		
Are you a regular ebay trader?	Yes No	Yes No
Premium Bonds	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the value	£	£
Income Bonds	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the value	£	£
National savings certificates	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the value	£	£
Share or unit trusts	Yes No	Yes No
If "Yes" please state the value	£	£
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## H-Cash, savings and investments

Do you or your partner have any of the following savings or investments?

P.E.P.S	Yes I	No	Yes		No O
If "Yes" please state the value	£		£		
T.E.S.S.A	Yes	No O	Yes		No O
If "Yes" please state the value	£		£		
I.S.A	Yes I	No .	Yes		No
If "Yes" please state the value	£		£		
Stocks, Sharesave, SAYE	Yes	No	Yes		No O
If "Yes" please state the value	£		£		
Property and land  Do you, your partner or any children share, either in the UK or abroad, ot	-		tly own any pro	perty, land o	r time
			You	Your F	Partner
Please tick "Yes", even if you have a	mortgage or loan	on it Yes	No No	Yes	No 🗌
If "yes", please give the address					
You			Your Pa	rtner	
You			Your Pa	rtner	
		You	u	Your Page	artner
Total value of properties you own or	have interest in?	£		£	
Does a sick, disabled or elderly relat	ive live in any?	Yes	No 🗌	Yes	No 🗌
Does an ex partner live in any?		Yes	No 🗌	Yes	No 🗌
Do any of your children aged under	16 live in them?	Yes	No 🗌	Yes 🗌	No 🗌

### - Rent details

You should only fill this in if you pay rent to a Landlord or Housing Association.

### If you are an owner-occupier, go to section J

When did your tenancy begin?				
Your landlord's name				
Your landlord's address				
				ļ
Your landlord's phone number				
Your agents name and address ( if you have one)				
Your agent's phone number				
Are you, your partner or your children related to your	landlord or their partner?	Yes	No	
If "Yes", please state what the relationship is				
Have you claimed Housing Benefit in the last twelve r	nonths?	Yes	No	
Was the last tenancy with the same landlord?		Yes	No	
Have you got a written tenancy agreement?		Yes	No	
Has the rent officer or rent tribunal registered a fair r	ent for your home?	Yes	No	
Have you applied for a Pre-tenancy determination?		Yes	No	
Have you been served with a shorthold tenancy notic	e?	Yes	No	
If "yes", give the period of the tenancy From	m To			

#### **Proof of rent**

Please send in your tenancy agreement or an up to date rent book with your claim. If you do not have these, please ask your landlord to complete section L of this form.

### We will not pay Housing Benefit if you -

- Live with and pay rent to a close relative.
- Pay your ex-partner rent to live in the home you used to share with them.
- Are responsible for your landlord's child.
- Rent your home from a company of which you are a director or employee.
- Rent your home from a trust of which you are a trustee or beneficiary.
- Rent your home from a trust of which your child is a beneficiary.
- Previously owned the home, which you now rent, except in certain circumstances.
- Live in your home as a condition of your job.

### - Rent details (continued)

How much is the rent?				£		
How often is the rent due? How often is the rent due?		ery we	eek ur weeks		Every two weeks  Every month Other	
Do you have any rent-free	week	s?	Yes		No	
If "Yes", how many do you	ı have	each	year?			
Has your rent gone up in tl	ne las	t twel	ve months	s?	Yes No	
If "Yes", give the date of the	ne inc	rease				
Was the increase agreed in	the t	enand	cy agreem	ent?	Yes No	
Do you have any joint tena	nts?	Yes	No		If "Yes", what is your share of the rent? £	
Is your home furnished?	Yes	No	o If "	Yes",	is it partly furnished?	
Who is responsible for declared andlord	oratin Me	g the	•	your h		
Are any meals provided?	Yes		No _	]		
If "Yes", which meals?		Brea	kfast?	]	Lunch? Evening meal?	
Does your landlord live in	the sa	me bi	uilding as	you?	Yes No	
Do you pay water rates dir	ect to	the \	Water auth	nority	Yes No If "yes", let us see th	e bill
If your rent includes money	for an	y of th	e following	g, tick	the correct boxes and fill in the amount you pay,	
Please tick either "Yes" or "No"	Yes	No	If "Yes" I much Do pay?		Please tick either "Yes" If "Yes' or "No" Yes No pay?	
Water charges			£		Laundry facilities £	
Cooking			£		Cleaning your room £	
Heating			£		Cleaning your windows £	
Lighting your home			£		Lighting shared areas £	
Hot water			£		Lift £	
Garage or parking space			£		Porter or estate staff £	
Furniture			£		Emergency alarm £	
Cleaning shared areas			£		Council Tax £	
Personal Laundry			£		Other ( TV, Video) £	
Does your landlord provide  If "Yes", how much is inclu					upport? Yes No every	
Does your home have cent					No \	
•		acing	. 103			
If your rent includes a char	ac fo	r licin	0 2 02520	2 Or 2	arking space	
could you rent your home	_		g a garage Yes	e or pa	arking space, No	

**Housing Benefit limits (private tenants only)**We may refer your rent to the Rent Service, who are independent Government valuers

### - Rent details (continued)

<b>Type of accommodation</b> Which of the following do you l	ive in?						
Terraced house	De	tached house	<u> </u>	Semi d	etached house	e 🔲	
Bungalow Se	emi detac	hed bungalov	w		Annexe	e 🔲	
Flat in a block		Flat in house	e 🗌	FI	at over a shop	) <u> </u>	
Maisonette A roo	om or roo	ms in a hous	e	Caravan o	r mobile hom	e	
Ground rent only		Othe	er 🔙				
Hostel	Hotel o	r guest hous	e	Room numb	per		
Which floor is your home on?							
Basement		Ground floor	-		First flo	or	
Second floor		Third floor	- 🗀				
How many floors are there in t	he whole	building?					
If you live in a single room, loo	king at th	e front of the	e building	, whereaboເ	ıts is your roo	m?	
At the front		In the centre	e		At the bac	ck	
<b>Number of rooms</b> – We need and who uses them?	to know I	now many ro	oms there	e are in the	building you li	ve in	
	Living Rooms	Bedrooms	Bedsits	Kitchens	Bathrooms	Separate Toilets	Total
Number of rooms in the whole building?							
Number of rooms used only by you and your family?							
Number of rooms you share with other people?							

**Pre-Tenancy determination (PTD)**You can find out the rent officer's figures before you sign up for a tenancy by asking for a PTD. Ask the Benefits Section for an application form and details about this.

### **Paying your Benefit**

### Housing Benefit – (Private landlord tenants)

We will pay your Housing Benefit in one of the following ways									
(Please tick the appropriate box to show us how you want us to pay it)									
We can pay your Housing benefit direct to you landlord about this and we will tell the landlor									
Please pay my Housing benefit direct to my landlord on my behalf.									
Please pay my Housing benefit direct to me by crossed cheque.									
Please pay my Housing benefit direct to my ba	ank .								
If you want us to pay your benefit direct to yo	our ban	k, plea	ase fill	in the	details	belov	v in ca	pital le	etters
Name of Bank :									
Address of Bank:									
Name of account holder (as it appears on your bank statement )									
Your account number									
Your sort code							]		
J- Extra information  Please give us any extra information that you For example, if you have more than one job o					we wor	k out	your b	enefit	

### **Declaration**

Please read these statements carefully and sign below. We cannot deal with your claim if you haven't signed it.

- We can prosecute anybody who knowingly gives us false information or documents, or withholds any information.
- This is my claim for Housing Benefit, and or Council Tax Benefit, or second Adult Rebate.
- I will tell you straight away if the information on any letter you send me is incorrect.
- The information I have given is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- You can check any information on this form. This includes sending a Certificate of Earnings direct to my employer if necessary.
- I am not claiming Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit for any other address.
- I understand that you may contact or exchange information with the Home Office, Department for Work and Pensions, Employment Service, Revenue & Customs, Child Support Agency other Government departments and Local Authorities and other departments of North Devon District Council:
  - 1. In order to check or give the information I have given on the form;
  - 2. As allowed by law, to obtain other information to prevent or detect fraud in obtaining public funds.
- I understand that you will not deal with my claim if I do not give the National Insurance number of everyone aged 16 or over who lives in my home.
- I will tell **North Devon District Council** straight away if there are any changes in my circumstances so that you can work out my Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit again. (Examples of this include coming off **Income Support**, **Job Seekers allowance**, **Incapacity benefit or any other state benefit**, getting a pay rise and people moving in or out of my home.) If I do not, and I get too much benefit, I understand that I will have to pay it back, and may also be prosecuted under the Social Security Administration Act (1992) or The Theft Act (1968) or The Theft Act (1978).
- I understand that you have the right to claim back in full overpaid benefit and that:
  - **1.** If I receive too much Council Tax Benefit or Second Adult Rebate it will be added to my Council Tax Account.
  - **2.** If I am a private tenant and receive too much Housing Benefit, you will claim it back from my ongoing Housing Benefit or by sending me a bill.

I have read and understand the declaration.

Name of the person who filled in the form

Tax Benefit which they are not entitled to?

Their signature

Their relationship to you

Claimants Signature	Date:	1 1
• I am the <b>partner</b> shown in the claim form. I con in the form is correct.	firm that the informati	on given about me
<ul> <li>I have also read the above declaration or someon</li> <li>I confirm that I understand the declaration</li> </ul>	ne has read it to me.	
Partners Signature	Date:	1 1
IF SOMEONE ELSE HAS FILLED OUT THIS FORM FOR Y	OU, YOU MUST FILL IN T	HE FOLLOWING: -

Do you know someone who is claiming Housing Benefit or Council

Please ring our Benefit Fraud Hotline. This is a 24-hour answer phone service. We will keep any information you give us confidential.

You can also visit our website at www.northdevon.gov.uk



### L- Rent proof

Your landlord should fill in this page if you are a private tenant with no other form of rent evidence.

Full name of your tenant o	r boar	der									
Their address											
								-			
How much rent do you charge £											
How often is the rent due? Every week Every two weeks											
Every four weeks Every month											
When did you start charging this rent  When did the tenancy start											
Do you have any joint tenants? Yes No											
If "Yes", what is your share of the rent $\underline{\mathcal{E}}$ What is the total rent for the property $\underline{\mathcal{E}}$											
Do you have any rent-free weeks? Yes No											
If "Yes", how many do you	If "Yes", how many do you have each year										
Which floor is your home on? Basement Ground floor First floor											
Second floor All floors											
If you live in a single room, looking at the front of the building, whereabouts is your room?											
At the front In the centre At the back											
If the rent includes money for any of the following, tick the correct boxes and fill in the amount.											
	Yes	No	If "Yes" how			Yes	No	If "Yes" how			
			much Do you					much do you			
			pay ?					pay?			
Water charges			£	_	Laundry facilities			£			
Cooking			£	1	Cleaning your room			£			
Heating Lighting ways have			£ Cleaning your windows £								
Lighting your home			£ Lighting shared areas £ £ Lift £								
Hot water				1							
Garage or parking space Furniture			$egin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$								
				1	Emergency alarm						
Cleaning shared areas £ Council tax £											
Personal Laundry £ Other (TV,Video) £											
Do you landlord provide general counselling and support? Yes No											
If "Yes", how much is included in the rent for it? $ extbf{ extit{E}}$ every											

**Number of rooms** – We need to know how many rooms there are in the building your tenant lives in and who uses them.

	Living Rooms	Bedrooms	Bedsits	Kitchens	Bathrooms	Separate Toilets	Total		
Number of rooms in The whole building									
Number of rooms used Only by you and your family									
Number of rooms you Share with other people									
Does your tenant share a room? Yes No									
If "Yes",how many beds are there in the room									
Do you provide any meals? Yes No									
If "Yes" which meals, Breakfast Lunch Evening meal									
Declaration  The information I have given on this form is true and complete. You can make any enquiries you need to check the details.  I will notify North Devon District Council promptly if the tenant changes rooms or vacates the accommodation.									
Landlord or agent's name									
Landlord or agent's addres	S								
I have read and understand the above declaration									
Landlord or agent's signature Date									
If your tenant has requested their Housing Benefit be paid to you direct please tick the box for your preferred method of payment.									
By crossed cheque									
By BACS									
(We may need to write to you separately for further information regarding payments made direct).									

Please return this form to:

NORTH DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL REVENUES & BENEFITS BUSINESS UNIT LYNTON HOUSE COMMERCIAL ROAD BARNSTAPLE, EX31 1DG

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### EMPLOYERS CERTIFICATE OF EARNINGS

NORTH DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL LYNTON HOUSE, COMMERCIAL ROAD BARNSTAPLE, EX31 1DG

Please fill in your details below and hand the certificate to your employer. When they have filled it in, return it to us immediately.

YOUR NAME 8	ADDRESS			DATE YOUR							
				SIGNATURE							
				PAYROLL NUMBER							
	l <b>oyer –</b> Please vour employee.				g us the following i	nformation and	returning the				
Please give us details of employee's earnings for the last five weeks or two months.											
Week or month ending	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		Incom	e Tax	National insurance contributions	Superanuation/ Pension	Tax Credit				
Total	£	£	£		£	£	£				
Gross to date	Gross to date <u>£</u> Tax to date <u>£</u> National insurance to date <u>£</u>										
Are these normal earnings? Yes No											
If "No", please give reasons why not and tell us the normal amount before deductions.											
Has your ampleyes anted out of the noticeal incomens ashama?											
Has your employee opted out of the national insurance scheme?  Yes No											
Average hours they work each week Date of last pay rise											
Date employment started Date of next pay rise											
Employee's National Insurance											
How are payments made ? Cash / Cheque / BACS											
Employer's name and address  Official											
					stamp						
Employer's sig	inature										

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YOUR NAME 8	k ADDRESS			DATE							
				YOUR SIGNATURE							
				PAYROLL							
				NUMBER							
<b>To The Employer</b> – Please help the employee by giving us the following information and returning the certificate to your employee. Thank you for your help.											
Please give us details of employee's earnings for the last five weeks or two months.											
Week or month ending	'		Income Tax		National insurance contributions	Superanuation/ Pension	Tax Credit				
Total							<u> </u>				
Total £ £ £ £											
	Gross to date $\underline{\underline{f}}$ Tax to date $\underline{\underline{f}}$ National insurance to date $\underline{\underline{f}}$										
Are these normal earnings? Yes No											
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Average hours they work each week Date of last pay rise											
Date employment started											
Employee's National Insurance											
How are payments made ? Cash / Cheque / BACS											
Employer's name and address  Official											
					stamp						
Employer's signature											

Checklist Send your form to this office immediately even if you do not have all of the proof. Is the claim complete? Have you answered every question? Have you enclosed the following for you and you partner? Proof of Identity Proof of National Insurance number Payslips or certificate of earnings Proof of any pensions you receive Proof of any benefits or allowance you receive Proof of any other income you receive Proof of savings and investments Rent proof form Request to pay your landlord direct (if this is what you want to do) Proof of any payment you make to a pension scheme Proof of payment you make to a childminder, nursery or after school club Proof of income, savings and investments of anybody you have entered in section C If you are claiming benefit for a new address, have you told the Benefits Agency? Once you have checked that you have filled in all of this form and have enclosed the proof, please read and sign the declaration on the next page. Send your form to this office immediately even if you do not have all the above proof. Your benefit will normally start on the Monday **after** we receive the form. **Proofs Original documents** We will need to see and photocopy the original documents we ask for on this form. We will send back documents we receive in the post as soon as possible. If you bring your documents to our office's we will photocopy them immediately. We cannot accept your own photocopies **Important** If you do not have all the proof we ask for, fill in the form and send it to us immediately. Send us the proof within one month. Don't delay - claim today! More information If you would prefer us to contact a relative or friend if we need more information, please give their details here.

Daytime Tel:

Name: Address:

### **Explanation** of terms used in the form to help you complete it.

#### **Tenant**

- Someone who pays you rent and either lives in part of your home or in another home you own. For benefit purposes the above can also include people who hold a licence to occupy a dwelling.

Joint Tenants - Where two or more people are named in the tenancy agreement and have the same tenancy rights in a single property.

#### Sub-tenant

- Anyone (other than a member of your family, boarder or any other joint occupier) who pays you rent to live in part of your home.

### **Boarder**

See also sub-tenant above. The difference between a boarder and a tenant or sub - tenant is that boarders have at least some meals provided as part of the rental agreement.

#### **Joint Owners**

• Where two people have the same interest in a property.

### Related to your landlord - see close relative below

Close relative - Is your partner or your child's:- parent, parent-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, step-parent, step-son, step-daughter, brother, sister or partner of any of these.

#### **Partner**

- Someone you are married to or someone, who you live with as husband or wife.

#### Student

Someone who is attending a course of study at an educational establishment. This includes: study at any level, full or part-time, with or without grants, state funded and private, both term times and vacation (but not between different courses). The above includes Nursing Diploma students.

Students who retain the right to Housing Benefit :-

- Pensioners
- Disabled people
- People in receipt of Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance
- Student couples with dependant children
- People responsible for a child
- People under 19 years of age undertaking a course of further education
- Lone Parents



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