A claim for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit

Name	Office use
Address	Reference No.:
	Date sent: D D M M Y Y
	Date received: D D M M Y Y

Please send this form to us quickly or you may lose benefit

Information to claimants:

- If you require assistance due to language barriers, or to impaired vision, please contact the benefit office using the contact details below.
- Before completing this form, please read the notes on page 3.
- You must answer all the questions on this form. Please use black ink.
- You can bring your filled in form and proof to the Council. We will check and photocopy your documents before returning them to you.

We will usually only talk to you or your partner about your claim, but if you want us to talk to someone else, like a friend, relative or your landlord, please give their details here.

Name.	
Address.	
	Postcode
Relationship to you.	Telephone No.
Your daytime teleph	one number(s) and email address.
You do not have to g	ive these but they may help us to deal with your claim more quickly.
Home telephone No.	The second secon
Email address.	A
I want to claim:	
	Housing Benefit
	Council Tax Benefit
	Second Adult Rebate (only)
Christchurch Boro	ugh Council, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1AZ
(01202) 495190 benefits@chris	
Fraud Freephone Cor	fidential Hotline: 0800 328 6340

Offices open: Monday to Thursday 8.45am - 5.15pm, Friday 8.45am - 4.45pm.

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You

If you are claiming Second Adult Rebate, only fill in Part1, Part 3 and Part 17 of this form.

Do you have a partner who normally lives with you?

A partner means a person you are married to or have a civil partnership with, or a person you live with as if you were their husband, wife or civil partner. (A civil partnership is a formal arrangement that gives same sex partners the same legal status as a married couple).

You must answer the No questions below.

If you have a partner, you must Yes 🗌 answer all the questions about them, as well as yourself.

Your partner

S	ur	na	me	or f	fami	ly r	name
_						· , ·	

Other names.

Any other names you have used.

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, other).

Address

Do not tell us your partner's address if it is the same as yours.

Date of birth.

When did you move to this address?

National Insurance (NI) number.

You can find this on payslips or letters from social security or the tax office. We cannot normally decide your claim if we do not have your NI number.

Postcode		Postcode		
D D M M Y Y Y D D M M Y Y Y	Y Y	D D M	M Y Y Y M Y Y Y	Y
If you have not moved in ye tell us when you have actua		en you expect	to move in, the	'n
Letters Numbers	Letters	Letters	Numbers	Letters

If you do not have a National Insurance number, or cannot find it. tick this box.

No

If they do not have a National Insurance number, or cannot find it. tick this box.

If you or your partner have
moved home in the last
12 months, tell us your
last address

Tell us whether you were the homeowner or tenant at this address?

Have you or your partner claimed Housing Benefit or **Council Tax Benefit before?**

When did you last claim?

Have you or your partner come to live in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man in the last two years?

Postcode	Postcode

Νο	Νο
Yes 🗌 Please tell us about it below.	Yes 📃 Please tell us about it below.
D M M Y Y Y	D D M M Y Y Y Y
No	

Yes We will write to you about this.

Yes We will write to you about this.

Please tear off these notes and retain them for reference. You should use the 'Change of Circumstances Form' overleaf if your circumstances change in the future from the details you have included on this form.

Filling in the form

Please fill in this form in **black ink.** If you make a mistake, just cross it out and put the right answer next to it. Do not use correction fluid or tape.

Answer **No** or **Yes** questions by putting a tick in the relevant box. If you are picking an answer from a list of answers, **tick** the appropriate box. Do not put a cross in any boxes. If you answer a question with a cross, we may have to send the form back, and this will delay the claim.

If someone else fills in the form for you, they too must sign the form. There is a special space for them to sign.

Proof

We need to see proof of some of the things you write about on the form. Please ensure that all proof provided to support this application are original documents. There is a checklist in **Part 16** of the form to help you. If you are not sure if we need to see proof of something, get in touch with us and we will tell you what we need to see. We cannot pay you benefit until we have seen the proof we need.

If you need help to fill in the form

If you need any help, contact the Council's Benefits Service by telephone or visit us at the council's offices. If you have difficulty filling in the form and you cannot come into the offices, we may be able to arrange for someone to visit you in your home. Please telephone us to arrange a visit.

Or you can get in touch with an organisation like the Citizens Advice Bureau.

For more information or to request a different format such as - Easy read, large print, audio tape or another language please contact the benefit office. Information is also available on the councils website, **www.dorsetforyou** which has options for translation.

What to do next

When you have filled in the form sign it and send it to us with the proof we need to see, you can bring the form and proof to our offices. Do not send valuable items such as bank books or passports in the post. Bring them to the Benefit Office and we will get the information we need and give them back to you.

If you cannot get the proof we need straight away, do not worry. Send the form to us with the proof you do have and let us know that you will be sending some proof later.

If you do not send the form to us straight away, you might lose money.

How your Benefits Office collects and uses information

We will use the information you give in this form, and in any supporting evidence you send, to process your claim for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit. It may also be used for the accounting and recovery of Council Tax.

The authority is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information you have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.

These other bodies include government departments, like the Department for Work and Pensions; other local authorities and private-sector organisations such as banks and organisations that may lend you money.

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

Your local council is the data controller 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 that information, please ask us.

Getting your benefit right

We may need to visit you at home to confirm some of the details on this form. You can do an estimate of entitlement online at: **www.dorsetforyou.com/benefitscalculator**

Changes you must tell the Benefit Office about

For example:

- change in tax credit payments
- any of your children leave school or leave home
- anyone moves into or out of your home, including lodgers and subtenant
- your income (including benefits), or the income of anyone living with you changes
- your capital or savings change
- you or anyone living with you becomes a student, goes on a Youth Training Scheme, goes into hospital or a nursing home, goes into prison, or changes or leaves a job
- your rent changes
- you move home
- you or your partner are going to be away from home for more than a month
- you or anyone living with you starts work, or
- anything you have told us about changes.

If you are not sure, ask us for advice.

If you do not tell us about these changes, you may lose money you are entitled to or you may get too much benefit.

It is an offence not to tell us about any change of circumstances that may affect your benefit. We may take court action against you and if we pay you too much benefit, you will probably have to pay it back.

Name.	
Reference number.	
Address.	
	Postcode
Date of change or move.	D D M M Y Y
My circumstances hav	e changed as follows:

Signature.



Part 1 About you and your partner continued

	You	Your partner
What is your nationality?		
If your nationality is not British, on what date did you last enter and apply to stay in the UK?	DDMMYYYY The UK is England, Northern Ireland, Scot	DDMMYYYYY Iand and Wales.
Are you or your partner in hospital at the moment? When did you go in?	No Yes Please tell us about it below.	No Yes Please tell us about it below.
When will you come out, if you know this?	D D M M Y Y Y Y D D M M Y Y Y Y	D D M M Y Y Y Y D D M M Y Y Y Y
Do you or your partner get Disability Living Allowance?	No Yes How much, we need to see proof of this.	No Yes How much, we need to see proof of this.
	Care: f	Care: £
	Mobility: £	Mobility: £
Do you or your partner get Attendance Allowance?	No Yes We need to see proof of this.	No Yes We need to see proof of this.
Does anyone get Carer's Allowance for looking after you or your partner?	No Yes We need to see proof of this. Please tick Yes, if you do not receive the are entitled to it, but cannot receive it be instead.	
Please tick if you or your par		
An apprentice On youth training In legal custody	We need to see proof of this.We need to see proof of this.	 We need to see proof of this. We need to see proof of this.
Severely mentally impaired	We need to see proof of this.We need to see proof of this.	We need to see proof of this.We need to see proof of this.
Registered blind	We need to see proof of this.	We need to see proof of this.
Long-term sick or disabled	We need to see proof of this.	We need to see proof of this.
Do you or your partner have a vehicle from a Mobility scheme?	No Yes We need to see proof of this.	No Yes We need to see proof of this.
Do you or your partner pay towards the upkeep of a student?	No Yes How much do you pay and how often?	No No How much do you pay and how often?
	f every	f every
Are you or your partner a student?	No Go to Part 2. Yes Tell us if this is full or part time.	No Go to Part 2. Yes Tell us if this is full or part time.
By student we mean anyone who is attending a course of study at an educational establishment.	Full time Part Time	Full time Part Time
Please provide eviden	nce of your term time dates of study and e	vidence of any student grant/loan

or other funding you receive.

Part 2 About children

We need to know about any children in your household who are:

• under 16,

Are there any children

in your household as

described above?

• aged 16 or 17 and registered for work or youth training, or

No Go to Part 3.

• aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 and in education doing a course not higher than GCE A-level, SCE Higher level or GNVQ (advanced).

	all the information	we ask for on this page and se	nd it with the form.
	First child	Second child	Third child
Last name			
Other names			
Date of birth	D D M M Y Y	DDMMYY	D D M M Y Y
What is the child's sex?			
The child's relationship to you.			
Who gets the Child Benefit for them?			
We need to see proof of this.			
Is the child	Νο	Νο	Νο
registered blind?	Yes We need to see proof of this.	Yes We need to see proof of this.	Yes We need to see proof of this.
Does the child	Νο	Νο	Νο
get Disability Living Allowance?	Yes How much?	Yes 🗌 How much?	Yes 🗌 How much?
	Care £	Care f	Care f
	Mobility £	Mobility £	Mobility £
Do you or your partner pay any childminding costs for this child to a registered childminder, a nursery or an after-	No Yes Please tell us	No Yes Please tell us	No Yes Please tell us
school club?	about it below.	about it below.	about it below.
Tell us the name and registration number			
of the minder.			
How much do you pay a week?	£ a week	f a week	f a week
How many weeks in	weeks	weeks	weeks
the year do you pay childminding costs?			

Yes If there are more than three children, use a separate sheet of paper to tell us

Please provide evidence of the childcare costs you pay. See checklist at Part 16.

Part 3 About other people who live with you

Now tell us about all the other people who usually live with you and your partner.

Do not tell us about people who just share a hall, bathroom or toilet with you.

Do any adults usually live with you and your partner? By adults we mean people over 16 who nobody gets Child Benefit for.

NO GO tO Part 4 .	No	Go to Part 4.
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Yes Fill in this Section.

Tick this box if you are sending a separate sheet of paper.

	First person	Second person	Third person
Last name.			
Other names.			
Date of birth.	DDMMYY	DDMMYY	DDMMYY
Their relationship to			
	Some examples are aunt, brot step daughter, joint tenant, jo		
Do they get Income Support or income- based Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) or Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)?	No Yes We need to see proof of this.	No Yes We need to see proof of this.	No Yes We need to see proof of this.
Do they get Disability Living Allowance or	No 🗌 Yes 🔄 How much?	No Yes How much?	No 🗌 Yes 🔄 How much?
Attendance Allowance?	f a week	£ a week	f a week
Are they registered blind?	No Yes We need to see proof of this.	No Yes We need to see proof of this.	No Yes We need to see proof of this.
Are they a full-time student, a student nurse, a care worker, an apprentice or on youth training?	No Yes Tell us which. We need to see proof of this.	No Yes Tell us which. We need to see proof of this.	No Yes Tell us which. We need to see proof of this.

Are any of the people who normally live with you married to each other, civil partners, or living together as if they were married or civil partners?

Is the partner of	

Part 3 About other people who live with you continued

	First person	Second person	Third person
Do they pay rent or money to lodge with you or your partner?	No Yes Tell us about it below.	No Yes Tell us about it below.	No Yes Tell us about it below.
How much?	f a week	f a week	f a week
Does this include money for food?	No 🔄 Yes 📃	No 🔄 Yes 📃	No 🔄 Yes 📃
Do they normally work for 16 hours or more a week? We need to see proof of their earnings.	No Yes Tell us their earnings before any deductions.	No Yes Tell us their earnings before any deductions.	No Yes Tell us their earnings before any deductions.
	£	£	£
Are they severely mentally impaired?	No 🔄 Yes 📃	No 🗌 Yes 📃	No 🗌 Yes 📃
Are they in legal custody at the moment?	No Yes Tell us about it below.	No Yes Tell us about it below.	No Yes Tell us about it below.
When are they expected to come out?	D D M M Y Y	D D M M Y Y	D D M M Y Y
Are they in hospital at the moment?	No Yes Tell us about it below.	No Yes Tell us about it below.	No Yes Tell us about it below.
When did they go in?	D D M M Y Y	D D M M Y Y	DDMMYY
When are they due to come out (if you know)?	D D M M Y Y	D D M M Y Y	D D M M Y Y
Do they have any other income at all? Make sure you tell us about all other income they have. This includes any benefits or allowances you have	No Yes Tell us about it below.	No Tell us about it below.	No Tell us about it below.
not already told us about on this form.	come from?	come from?	come from?
For example interest from savings and			
investments.	How much is it before deductions?	How much is it before deductions?	How much is it before deductions?
	f	f	f
	Where does the income come from?	Where does the income come from?	Where does the income come from?
	How much is it before deductions?	How much is it before deductions?	How much is it before deductions?
	£	f	f

Part 4 About Income Support, Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) & Pension Credit

Are you or your partner still waiting to hear about a claim for Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) or Pension Credit?	No Go to Part 5. Yes Please tell us about it below.	
	You	Your partner
Are you or your partner	Νο	Νο
actually getting Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance,	Yes 🗌 When did you start getting it?	Yes 🗌 When did they start getting it?
Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) or Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit) at the moment?	D D M M Y Y Now go to Part 11.	D D M M Y Y Now go to Part 11.
Are you or your partner	Νο	Νο
actually receiving Pension Credit (Savings Credit) at the moment?	Yes When did you start getting it?	Yes When did they start getting it? DDMMYY Now go to Part 5.
Are you or your partner	No	Νο
still waiting to hear about a claim for Income Support,	Yes When did you claim?	Yes When did they claim?
income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) or Pension Credit?	D D M M Y Y Now go to Part 5 .	D D M M Y Y Now go to Part 5 .
	rrent accounts, savings, nts and property	
Do you or your partner have	any bank accounts, savings,	No 🔄 Go to Part 6.

investments or property in the UK or abroad?

No Go to Part 6.

Yes	Answer the	questions	below	and
	on the next	page.		

This includes cash, overdrawn accounts, internet accounts, current accounts and savings accounts with a bank or building society, post office accounts, premium bonds, National Savings Certificates, and stocks and shares.

	Number of accounts	Total amount	Name of the bank	Account number
Money in		£		
bank accounts	(eg. 1,2,3)	£		
		£		
	Number of accounts	Total amount	Name of building society	Account number
Money in		£		
building society accounts	(eg. 1,2,3)	£		
		£		
	Number of accounts	Total amount	Name of the post office account	Account number
Money in		£		
post office accounts	(eg. 1,2,3)	£		

Part 5 About current accounts, savings, investments and property continued

	How many bonds?	Total amount			
Premium Bonds.		£			
	Number of accounts	Total amount	Name	Account number	
Unit trusts, ISAs,		£			
PEPs, TESSAs or other investments.	(eg. 1,2,3)	£			
		£			
	Number of bonds	Total amount	Name	Bond number	
Income bonds or		£			
capital bonds.	(eg. 1,2,3)				
	Approximat	e value			
Money or property held in trust.	£	We will wri	te to you about this.		
neid in trust.	Annevinat		Name of the company these are hold it	n. Number held	
Stocks and Shares	Approximat f		Name of the company these are held in	n. Number heid	
If there are more, tell	£				
us about the others on a separate piece	£				
of paper and send it	-				
with this form.	Tiek this	how if you are condi-	na a concepto choot of popor		
		box ii you are senui	ng a separate sheet of paper.		
Do you or your partne National Savings Certi				riginal certificates as n the certificates to you.	
Do any of your savingmoney from the samoney from a cha	ale of a hous		No 🗌 Yes 📃 We will write to you	about it.	
or partly own, any oth in this country or abro	Apart from your home, do you or your partner own, or partly own, any other property, land or time-share in this country or abroad? If it is on a mortgage or a loan, still tick Yes.				
Have you or your part	ner received	l:	Νο		
• a Far Eastern Priso payment,	oner of War (Compensation	Yes 🗌 We will write to you	about it.	
 a compensation payment made to victims of atrocities that happened during the Second World War, or 					
 a payment from the vCJD (Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease) Trust? 					
Any other savings	£	Type of ot	her savings or investment		
or investments.	f	Type of ot	her savings or investment		
	£	Type of ot	her savings or investment		

We must see evidence of any savings, investments or property before we can decide how much benefit you can get. Read the checklist at Part 16 to see what you can use as evidence.

Part 6 About working for an employer

Do you or your partner work for an employer?	 No Go to Part 7. Yes Answer the questions on this page. If you work for more than one employer, tell us about all the employers on a separate sheet of paper and send it with this form. 		
	Tick this box if you are sending		
	You	Your partner	
What is your job title?			
What is your employer's name and address?			
	Postcode	Postcode	
When did you start this job?	D D M M Y Y	D D M M Y Y	
What is your payroll, employee or staff number?			
Are you employed for a limited period?	No	Νο	
	Yes When do you finish?	Yes When do you finish?	
	D D M M Y Y	D D M M Y Y	
How often do you get paid?	every	every	
How much do you get paid before tax and National Insurance are taken off?	£	£	
How are you paid?			
For example, in cash, by cheque or straight into a bank or building society account?			
When was your last pay rise?	DDMMYY	D D M M Y Y	
When will your next pay rise be?	D D M M Y Y	D D M M Y Y	
How many hours a week do you usually work?			
	Statutory Sick Pay (SSP), Statutory Paterr Pay (SMP) from your employer at the mo		
Are you getting any non-	No 🗌	Νο	
statutory sick pay or maternity pay from your employer at the moment?	Yes How much and how often? We need to see proof of this.	Yes How much and how often? We need to see proof of this.	
	f every	f every	
Do you pay into a private or company	No	No	
pension scheme?	Yes How much and how often? We need to see proof of this.	Yes How much and how often? We need to see proof of this.	
	f every	f every	
We must see evider	nce of any earnings before we can decide	how much benefit you can get.	
lf	you get tips or bonuses, tell us about the he checklist at Part 16 to see what you ca	ese in Part 14.	

Part 7 About being self-employed

Are you or your partner self-employed?	 No Go to Part 8. Yes Answer the questions on this page. You must send us your trading accounts for the last financial year. If you have only recently set up the business and do not have a full year's accounts, we will need to see some other evidence of your income. Read the checklist at Part 16 to see what you can use as evidence. We will write to you about this. 			
	You	Your partner		
What kind of work				
do you do?				
When did the business start?	DDMMYYYY	DDMMYYYY		
What is the business address?				
	Postcode	Postcode		
How many hours a week do you usually work?				
Do you get a Business	Νο	Νο		
Start-up Allowance?	Yes 🗌 How much and how often?	Yes 📃 How much and how often?		
	f every	f every		
Do you pay into a private	No 🗌	No 🗌		
pension scheme?	Yes 📃 How much and how often?	Yes 🔄 How much and how often?		
	f every	f every		
We must see eviden	ce of your earnings before we can decide	how much benefit you can get		

Read the checklist at Part 16 to see what you can use as evidence.

Part 8 About any other work

Do you or your partner do any other work at all?

This could be voluntary work or any other work, even if it is not paid work.



No Go to Part 9. Yes Answer the questions below.

Part 9 About benefits and pensions

Have you or your partner deferred your entitlement to State Pension?	No 🗌 Yes 📃	
Are you or your partner getting any benefits or waiting to hear about benefits you have claimed?	No Go to Part 10. Yes Answer the questions on this pa Tell us the full rate of the benefit	·
Read the list of benefits below	and tell us about any you or your partne	er are getting now or have claimed.
Adoption Pay	Guardian's Allowance	State Retirement Pension
Attendance Allowance	Incapacity Benefit	Statutory Maternity Pay
• Better off in Work Credit (E	3WC) • Industrial Death Benefit	Statutory Paternity Pay
Bereavement Allowance	Industrial Injuries	Statutory Sick Pay
Carer's Allowance	Disablement Benefit	War Disablement Benefit
Child Benefit	Maternity Allowance	War Pension or
Child Tax Credit	Pension Credit	War Widow's Pension
Contribution-based	(including Savings Credit)	Widow's or Widower's Benefit
Jobseeker's Allowance	Return to Work Credit	Working Tax Credit

• Employment & Support Allowance

If you are getting or have claimed any benefit that is not listed, tell us about it on a separate sheet of paper and send it with the form.

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Severe Disablement Allowance

Tick this box if you are sending a separate sheet of paper.

	You	Your partner
The name of the benefit or pension		
Waiting to hear.	Date applied; D D M M Y Y	Date applied; D D M M Y Y
Getting now.	How much and how often?	How much and how often?
	f every	f every
The name of the benefit or pension		
Waiting to hear.	Date applied; D D M M Y Y	Date applied; D D M M Y Y
Getting now.	How much and how often?	How much and how often?
	f every	f every
The name of the benefit or pension		
Waiting to hear.	Date applied; D D M M Y Y	Date applied; D D M M Y Y
Getting now.	How much and how often?	How much and how often?
	f every	f every

Part 10 About other money coming in

Do you or your partner have any money coming in (or expect to have some money coming in) that you have not already told us about on this form? **No** Go to **Part 11**.

Yes Answer the questions on this page.

You do not need to tell us about payments from the Independent Living Fund, the Eileen Trust or the MacFarlane Trust.

This includes:

- Occupational pensions
- Work pensions and private pensions
- Annuities
- Any cash payments
- Any money you get from boarders, lodgers or subtenants
- Equity Release schemes

- Home Income Plans
- Training allowances
- Money from a trust fund
- Student grant or loan
- Maintenance or child support for you, your partner or any child

	Other money 1	Other money 2	Other money 3	
What is the money for?				
Who gets it?				
How much do they get?	£	£	£	
How often?	every	every	every	
How is it paid?				
When did they start getting this income?	D D M M Y Y	D D M M Y Y	D D M M Y Y	
When is the income likely to go up?	D D M M Y Y	D D M M Y Y	D D M M Y Y	
Does anyone owe money to you or your partner?	No Yes Tell us about it below.	No Yes Tell us about it below.	No Yes Tell us about it below.	
What for?				
How much?	£	£	£	
Who is it owed to?				
Are you or your No partner expecting to get any money in the next 12 months? Yes				
For example, a redunc	lancy payment or a payment i	nstead of notice or holiday.		
What for?				
How much?	£			
We must see evidence of any money coming in before we can decide how much benefit you can get. Read the checklist at <mark>Part 16</mark> to see what you can use as evidence.				



Part 11 About where you live

Do you jointly own your own home?	No Yes Who with? Go to Part 12.
Do you own your own home or have a mortgage?	No Yes Go to Part 12.
Are you a tenant of Twynham Housing Association?	No Fill in this section. Yes Go to Part 13.
What sort of building do you live in?	Detached house Flat in a house Caravan, mobile home or houseboat
Tick one box only.	Semi-detached house Flat in a block Board and lodgings
	Terraced house Flat over a shop Hotel or guest house Bedsit or rooms Residential care/
	or a studio flat nursing home
	Detached bungalow Hostel Semi-detached
	bungalow Other - give details
Does your home have central heating?	Νο
-	Yes
Does your home have a garage?	No Does your home No have a parking space? Yes
How many floors are there?	
If you and your household oc building, where in the buildin	
Which floor do you live on?	For example, ground floor, first floor.
How many rooms are there	
in the building?	In the whole building Just for you and That you share with your household other people
in the building?	
in the building? Living rooms.	
in the building? Living rooms. Bedsitting rooms.	
in the building? Living rooms. Bedsitting rooms. Bedrooms. Bathrooms or shower rooms. Toilets.	
in the building? Living rooms. Bedsitting rooms. Bedrooms. Bathrooms or shower rooms. Toilets. Kitchens.	
in the building? Living rooms. Bedsitting rooms. Bedrooms. Bathrooms or shower rooms. Toilets. Kitchens. Other rooms.	
in the building? Living rooms. Bedsitting rooms. Bedrooms. Bathrooms or shower rooms. Toilets. Kitchens.	
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Part 12 About rent

Do you pay rent or a site fee for your home?	No Go to Part 14.
	Yes Complete the section below.
What is your landlord's full name and business address?	
By landlord we mean the	
person or organisation who owns the property you	
live in.	Postcode
If your landlord has an	
agent, tell us their full name and address.	
By agent we mean the	
person or organisation you actually pay your rent to.	Postcode
Are you or your partner related to your landlord or	No Yes Who?
agent, or to your landlord's partner or the agent's	
partner?	Relationship to my landlord(s) or agent(s)
	Related includes related through marriage/civil partnership, even if
	the marriage/civil partnership has ended. Some examples are ex-wife, ex-husband, aunt, brother, daughter, father, grandson, grandmother,
	son-in-law or stepdaughter.
When did you start renting	
your home?	
When did you move to	
this address?	
then tell us when you have ac	tell us when you expect to move in, tually moved in.
What sort of tenancy	
do you have?	
How long is the	
tenancy for?	D D M M Y Y to D D M M Y Y
What is the property let as?	Furnished 📃
Tick the box that applies.	Partly funished 📃
	Unfurnished 📃
How much is your rent	f every
before Housing Benefit and how often should it	For example, every week, every fortnight, every
be paid?	four weeks, monthly.

We must see evidence of your rent and tenancy before we can decide how much benefit you can get. Read the checklist at Part 16 to see what you can use as proof.

Part 12 About rent continued

Does anyone else share the rent with you and your partner?	No 🗌 Yes 📃 Tell	l us the det	tails bel	ow.		
Tell us their names and	Name					
their relationship to you and your partner.	Relationship					
			7			
How much of the rent do they pay and how often?	£		every	F		a la compañía de la destructura de la compañía de l
				four weeks, mo		eek, every fortnight, every
Has your rent changed in	Νο					
the last 12 months?	Yes 📃 Ser	nd us proof	of the	date it changed	and h	ow much it changed.
When is the next rent increase due?	D D M I	Y Y				
Has your rent been registered as a fair rent by a rent officer?	No 🗌 Yes 📄 Ple	ase send us	s the no	tice of registrat	tion for	rm RO5.
Do you have any weeks	Νο					
when you do not have to pay rent?	Yes 📃 Hor	w many in	a year?			
Are you behind	Νο					
with your rent?	Yes 📃 By	how many	weeks?			
Who has to pay the Council	You or yo	our partner	· 🗌			
Tax bill for your home? Tick the box that applies.	You	ur landlord				
fick the box that applies.	Sor	meone else	Tel	l us who it is.		
Does your rent include mone Meals	No 🗌	owing?				
incuis		w much?	£		every	
		L		h meals? (please		
					eakfast	:
					Lunch	
				Evenin	g meal	
Water authority charges.	No	r				[]
	Yes Hor	w much?	£		every	
Heating.	No 🗌	[_			
the batters		w much?	£		every	
Lighting.		w much?	£		overv	
Hot water.	_		-		every	
Hot Water.	No Yes Hor	w much?	£		every	
Fuel for cooking.	No 🗌		-		,	
		w much?	£		every	

Part 12 About rent continued

Laundry.	Νο		
	Yes How much?	f eve	ery
Cleaning rooms or windows.	Νο		
	Yes How much?	f	ery
Gardening.	Νο		
	Yes How much?	f eve	ery
Garage or parking space.	Νο		
	Yes How much?	f eve	ery
		Do you have to rent the g	arage as part of No
		the tenancy agreement?	Yes
Personal care and general	Νο		
counselling and support.	Yes How much?	f	ery
Do you pay any service	Νο		
charges separate from your rent?	Yes How much?	f	ery
For example, for cleaning	What for?		
or lighting in shared areas, an alarm system, a warden,			
general counselling or			
support, meals, or lift maintenance?			
Are you living away from	Νο		
home at the moment?	Yes Tell us abou	t it below.	
Why are you not living			
at home?			
When did you last live at home?	D D M M Y Y]	
When do you expect to go back home?	D D M M Y Y]	
What is the address of			
where you are living at the moment?			
at the moment?		Postcode	
Have you sublet your home?			
nave you sublet your nome?	No Yes Who lives th	ere now?	
		cy before we can decide ho 6 to see what you can use	w much benefit you can get. as proof.

If you are awarded Council Tax Benefit, we will pay this into your Council Tax account.

How often would you like your Housing Benefit to be paid?

Every **two** weeks (in arrears).

Every **four** weeks (in arears).

Section A - Tenants of housing associations or registered social landlords

We can pay your rent direct to your landlord or we can pay your money into a bank or building society account.

If you would like us to pay your landlord direct please tick this box.

If you would like us to pay your benefit to your bank account, please tick this box and complete **Section C** below.

If you require us to pay you by cheque, please tick this box and explain why you require payment by cheque in **Part 14**.

Section B - Private tenants

Under the Local Housing Allowance rules your housing benefit will be paid into your bank or building society account.

Please provide details of the account into which you want your benefit paid by completing Section C below.

If your circumstances are exceptional:

- if you require us to pay your landlord, please tick this box and we will send a form you must complete, explaining why payment should be sent to your landlord, or
- if you require us to pay you by cheque, please tick this box and explain why you consider you need to be paid by cheque in **Part 14**.

Section C - Payment into an bank or building society account

What name or names is the account in?	
Please write the name or names as they appear on the cheque boo	k, passbook or statement.
Full name of bank or building society.	
Sort code - of the bank, building society or other account provider. Please tell us all six numbers, for example 12-34-56. Account number - This is 7 to 10 numbers long	
More information if it is a building society account - Some building reference number. The roll or reference number is on the passboo letters and numbers and can be up to 18 charaters long. If you ar reference number, ask the building society.	ok. The roll or reference can contain
Building society roll or reference number	

Part 14 Anything else you need to tell us

Please use this space to tell us anything else you think we should know about. Use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form if you need to.

If you are sending any separate sheets of paper with this form? Tell us how many sheets?

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Part 15 Backdating

We can usually award benefit from the Monday after the day we receive your claim. Sometimes we can pay benefit from an earlier date if you have a good reason for not claiming earlier. If you want us to consider paying your benefit from an earlier date, tell us when you want benefit from and why you did not claim earlier.

The date you want to claim benefit from?

For this earlier period, were your circumstances the same as on this form?

No	

Tell us why you have not claimed before:

Part 16 Checklist

Please tick to say what evidence you are sending with this form. We must see original documents, not copies.

Please do not send valuable items through the post. If you can, bring them into our reception. We will take the details we need and give you the documents back straight away. If you cannot get into the office, phone us for more advice.

If you do not provide all the evidence we need, we might not be able to pay you any benefit. We need the same evidence for your partner, if you have one.

If you cannot send the evidence we need at the moment, send the form back to us now and send the evidence later. We can start to process your claim, but we will not be able to pay you any benefit until we have all the evidence.

Evidence of identity

Such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, passport, National Insurance number card, medical card, driving licence, UK residence permit or EEC identity card. We may need to see several of these documents for each person.

Evidence of your address

Such as a recent gas or electricity bill or a TV licence.

Evidence of National Insurance number

Such as a National Insurance number card, payslips or letters from social security or the tax office.

Evidence of capital, savings and investments

Such as all your bank, building society or post office books, full bank statements, or certificates for premium bonds, National Savings Certificates, ISAs, stocks, shares and unit trusts. We need to see evidence of any interest or dividends you get on investments and savings. The evidence you send must show details for at least the last two months, or six months if you are self employed.

Evidence of earnings

We also need this for other adults who form part of your household.

This means your last five payslips if you are paid every week, your last three payslips if you are paid every two weeks, or your last two payslips if you are paid every month. You can use the Employers Certificate at the end of this form to provide proof about your earnings. We will contact your employer if you do not provide this information.

Evidence of self employed earnings

If you or your partner are self-employed, we need to see your accounts for the last financial year or, if you have been trading for less than six months, details of your trading records so far. Alternatively you can complete a self employed assessment form.

If you would like a form please tick the box.

Evidence of other income

We also need this for other adults who form part of your household.

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 evidence of any money people pay you for board and lodgings.

Evidence of benefits, allowances or pensions

We also need this for other adults who form part of your household.

Such as current award notices or letters from social security or inland revenue confirming how much you get. If you do not have evidence, let us know straight away. Please do not send order books through the post.

Evidence of private rent and tenancy

Such as a rent book, rent receipts, a tenancy agreement or a letter from your landlord.

Evidence of other money paid out

Such as letters about student grants or maintenance agreements.

Evidence of childcare costs

such as receipts of the childcare costs you pay. They must show the costs, times and the name of the person providing the care.

Evidence of student status

If you or your partner are a student we need to see evidence of your term time dates of study and evidence of any student grants/loans or other funding you receive.

Make sure you read and sign the declaration on Page 22.

Part 17 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.

- I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.
- I understand that if I give information that is incorrect or incomplete, you may take action against me. This may include court action.
- I agree that you will use the information I have provided to process my claim for Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit, or both. You may check some of the information with other sources as allowed by the law.
- I understand the authority is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information I have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes. These other bodies include government departments, like the Department for Work and Pensions; other local authorities and private-sector organisations such as banks and organisations that lend you money.
- I know that I must let you know in writing about any change in my circumstances which might affect my claim.

Signature of person claiming. Date.	D D M M Y Y
Partner's signature. Date.	

If this form has been filled in by someone other than the person claiming. Please tell us why you are filling in this form for the person claiming.

	I declare that as far as possible, I have confirmed with the person claiming that the answers I have written on this form are correct.
Name of the person who filled in the form.	
Signature of person claiming.	
Relationship to the person claiming.	
Date.	D D M M Y Y

Sharing information with your private landlord could help us deal with your claim more quickly and reduce the risk of you falling behind with your rent because of your claim being 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 or renewed your claim for Housing Benefit,
- we have made a decision on your claim, or
- we need more information to make a decision on your claim, and what that information may be.

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 do not give us permission to discuss your claim with your landlord.

If you want to give us permission to discuss your claim with your landlord, please sign below.

I give my local council permission to share information about the progress of my Housing Benefit claim with my landlord or their representitive.

Signature.	
Full name. (in CAPITAL LETTERS)	
Address.	
	Postcode
Date.	

Paying benefit to your landlord if you are a tenant of a Housing Association or Registered Social Landlord

If you want us to pay your benefit straight to your landlord, you must sign this declaration. Please then detach this sheet and hand it to your landlord to sign.

Your declaration

Please pay my Housing Benefit straight to my landlord.

- I understand that I must always tell you about any change in my circumstances.
- I understand that if I do not tell you about any change of circumstances and you pay me too much benefit because of this, I may have to pay back the extra benefit.
- I understand that I may be prosecuted if I do not tell you about any change of circumstances.

Signature.	
Full name. (in CAPITAL LETTERS)	
Address.	
	Postcode
Date.	D D M M Y Y

Your landlords declaration

Please assist your tenant by completing this declaration and returning it to your tenant as soon as possible.

I agree to accept Housing Benefit payments for the tenant named above.

I understand that by law:

- I must tell you straight away if I find out about any change in the tenant's circumstances
- you can stop paying benefit to me if I do not tell you about any change of circumstances
- I can be prosecuted if I accept Housing Benefit which I know I am not entitled to, and
- if you pay me too much Housing Benefit for any tenant, I may have to repay it. You can take the amount of overpaid benefit from the benefit I get for any other tenants. This will not affect their rent.

Signature.	
Full name. (in CAPITAL LETTERS)	
Address.	
	Postcode
Telephone No.	
Date.	D D M M Y Y

Certificate of Rent

To the tenant

Please hand this form to your landlord and ask him to complete it and return it to you. The completed form should then be sent to the Council as soon as possible.

To the landlord						
Please assist your tenant by o	completing this form and returning it to the tenant as soon as possible.					
Name of tenant.						
Address of tenancy.						
	Postcode					
Date tenancy started?	D D M M Y Y					
How much and how often	f every					
is the tenant liable to pay?						
Are there any rent free weeks?						
ince weeks:	Yes If Yes, how many?					
Is the rent paid	No If No, state details.					
up to date?	Yes					
Is the accommodation furnished?						
	Yes					
How much notice is the tenant required to give?	weeks/months					
Meals.						
	No Yes How much? fevery					
	For which meals? (please tick). Breakfast					
	Evening meal					
Water charges.	No 🗌					
	Yes How much? f every					
Heating.	No 🗌					
	Yes How much? f every					
Lighting.	No 🗌					
	Yes How much? £ every					
Hot water.	No 🗌					
	Yes How much? £ every	_				
Fuel for cooking.	No 🗌					
	Yes How much? £ every					
Electricity.	No 🗌					
	Yes How much? £ every					
Any other services? Please specify.						

Certificate of Rent continued

Do you own the property? If No, are you a licenced tenant?	No Yes Yes
Are you related to anyone in the household? Related includes related through marriage/civil partnership, even if the marriage/civil partnership has ended. Some examples are ex-wife, ex-husband, aunt, brother, daughter, father, grandson, grandmother, son-in-law or stepdaughter.	No Yes Who? Relationship?
Name of landlord.	
Address of landlord.	Postcode
Telephone number.	
Mobile number.	
Email address.	

The information given on this form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct.

Landlords signature.	
Full name. (in CAPITAL LETTERS)	
Date.	D D M M Y Y

Note to claimant

You should only use this form if you are unable to provide payslips as proof of employment. Please complete your name and address and then give the form to your employer to complete your details. Please return the form as soon as possible to the local authority benefits office.

Claimants name.	
Address.	
	Postcode

Note to employer

National Insurance (NI) number.	Letters	Numbers	Letters	
Payrole number.				
Start date.	D D M M	Y Y End	date D	D M M Y Y
Date of next pay rise.	D D M M	YY		

Wage details for the last consecutive 5 weeks, 3 fortnights or 2 months.

		Da	te			Gross pay	Income tax	National Insurance	Pension contribution	Tax Credits	Take home pay
D	D	Μ	Μ	Y	Y	£	f	f	£	£	£
D	D	Μ	Μ	Y	Y	£	£	£	£	£	£
D	D	Μ	Μ	Y	Y	£	£	£	£	£	£
D	D	Μ	Μ	Y	Y	£	£	£	£	£	£
D	D	Μ	Μ	Y	Y	£	£	£	f	£	£
							Up to and				
Totals so far this year.		£	£	£	£	including					
week/month											
Method of payment			t			Frequency of					
(e.g. cash, cheque,						🧧 (e.g. weekly	, monthly)				

(e.g. cash, cheque, BACS).

I declare this record is true and complete. I am aware that if I give incorrect information I may be prosecuted.

Signature.		
Full name. (in CAPITAL LETTERS)		
Position held.		
Address.		Company stamp
	Postcode	
Date.	D D M M Y Y	

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