For Office Use Only	Folkestone
Date of issue	Hythe & Romney Marsh Shepway District Council
First point of contact	Shepway District Council
Application Ref	www.shepway.gov.uk
Name and address of	applicant (including room or flat number)
Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
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### Application form for

### **Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction**

Before you start to fill in the form please tick the box below that applies to you, carefully read all the information on this page and the next. Please complete the form in black ink.

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Are you a:-	Council Tax Payer	Housing Association/	Council Tenant	
		Private Tenant	_	

### Notes for filling in the application form

### About this form

The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction application form has been specially designed to be as easy as possible to fill in. It may seem rather long, but we have to ask a lot of questions to make sure that everyone who applies gets the right amount of benefit and/or reduction.

### Start date

To make sure your Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction scheme starts from the earliest date possible you should contact us as soon as you need benefit/reduction and register your intention to apply. You can do this by visiting us at any of our offices, by writing to us, by phone on **01303 853555**, or by email at Revenues.benefits@shepway.gov.uk You will then be given one calendar month to return a completed application form and supporting documentation. If you have not already told us, don't delay registering your intention to apply, as any delay could lead to loss of benefit/reduction.

### Proof

We need to see proof of most of the things you tell us about. There is a list of examples at the end of the form to help you. If you are not sure if we need to see proof of something, get in touch with us. We cannot pay you benefit reduction until we have seen the proof we have asked for. If there is likely to be a delay in sending in the evidence, send the form back anyway and tell us when the rest of the information is likely to be sent.

Please note that it is your responsibility to send in everything requested on this form within one calendar month. Do not wait for a reminder to send this information. If we do not receive a completed application form and all the necessary information within one calendar month you may lose money you are entitled to.

### Filling in the form

If you make a mistake whilst filling in the form, just cross it out and put the right answer next to it. Do not use correction fluid or tape.

Answer "Yes" or "No" questions by ticking in the relevant box. If you are picking an answer from a list of answers, put a tick in the relevant 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 application.

If someone else fills in the form for you, there is a special place for them to sign in **Part 17** of this form.

### If you need help filling in the form

If you need help filling in the form please call our Customer Services Team on 01303 853555.

If you unable to visit our offices due to disability we can arrange for an officer to visit you at home to help complete the form and to verify any evidence. To arrange for a visiting officer to call please telephone Customer Services on 01303 853555.

# This form is also available in large print on request, please telephone 01303 853555.

Independent help and advice can be obtained from:-

Citizens Advice Bureau 20 Church Street Folkestone

Kent CT20 1SE Tel: 08444 994118

Shelter Tel: 08088 004444

### How we collect and use information

We will use the information you give in this form and any supporting evidence you send us, to process applications for Housing Benefit (including Discretionary Housing Payments) and Council Tax Reduction or to determine Council Tax liability.

We may pass the information to other agencies or organisations such as the Department for Work and Pensions, the Jobcentre Plus and the Inland Revenue, as allowed by the law.

By law, we may check the information you have provided, or information provided about you by someone else, against other information we already have. We may also ask other agencies, organisations, local authorities or government departments to give us information they have about you. This is to:

- Make sure the information is accurate
- Prevent or detect crime
- Protect public funds

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

Shepway District Council is the data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998. If you want to know more about what information we have about you, or the way we use that information, you can ask.

We are required under section 6 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 to participate in the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) data matching exercise.

The data supplied by you and held by the Authority in respect of your application for benefit and/or reduction, will be cross-system and cross-authority comparison purposes for the prevention and detection of fraud.

# An application form for Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction

Part 1 About you and your p	partner					
Do you have a partner who normally lives with you?  No  Yes  If you have a partner, you must answer all the questions about them as well as yourself.						
	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	Your partner				
<b>Title</b> (Mr, Mrs, Ms and so on)						
Last name						
Other names						
Any other names you have used						
Address, including room number if you have one Do not tell us your partner's address if it is the same as yours.	Postcode	Postcode				
Date of Birth	/ /	/ /				
National Insurance Number You can find this on payslips or letters from DWP or the tax office. We cannot decide your application if we do not have your National Insurance number.	Letters Numbers Letter  If you do not have a National Insurance number, or cannot find it, tick this box.	If they do not have a National Insurance number, or cannot find it, tick this box.				
What date did your tenancy start at the address you are claiming for?						
What date did you move to the address you are claiming for? If you have not moved in yet, tell us when you expect to move in, then tell us when you have actually moved in.						
You daytime phone number						
Your email address						

# Part 1 About you and your partner - continued You Your partner Have you or your partner claimed Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit or Council Tax Reduction before? Yes When did you claim? Which council did you claim from? What name did you claim in? What name did they claim for? What address did you claim for? What address did they claim for?

Have you told the council that paid your benefit/reduction that you have moved?

If you or your partner have moved home in the last 12 months, tell us your last address if it is different from above.

Tell us whether you were you the homeowner, private tenant, a council tenant or a lodger at this address?

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 2 years?

What is your nationality?

If your nationality is not British, on what date did you enter the UK?

The UK is England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

No	No	

Yes	Yes	
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No No

Yes We will write to you about this.

We will write to you about this.

### Part 1 About you and your partner - continued

	You	Your partner
Are you or your partner in hospital at the moment?  Do you or your partner get Disability Living Allowance/ Personal Independence Payment?	No Yes  If yes, when did you go in?  When will you come out (if you know this)?  No Yes  If yes, how much?	No Yes  If yes, when did they go in?  When will they come out (if you know this)?  No Yes  If yes, how much?
	Care: £ a week  Mobility: £ a week	Care: £ a week  Mobility: £ a week
Do you or your partner get Attendance Allowance?	No Yes	No Yes
Does anyone get Carer's Allowance for looking after you or your partner?	No Yes	No Yes
Have you or your partner been told that you are entitled to Carer's Allowance, even if you do not receive it because you are getting another benefit instead?	No Yes	No Yes
Do you or your partner pay towards the upkeep of a student?	No Yes If yes, how much do you pay?  f  How often?  Every	No Yes If yes, how much do they pay?  E  How often?  Every
Are you or your partner a student?	No Yes If yes, do you study full or part time?  How much of your income is taken into account when working out your grant	No Yes If yes, do they study full or part time?  How much of their income is taken into account when working out their grant  a year
Do you or your partner have a vehicle from a Mobility scheme?	No Yes	No Yes

Please tick if you or your partner are:	You	Your Partner
<ul> <li>an apprentice</li> <li>on youth training</li> <li>in legal custody</li> <li>severely mentally impaired</li> <li>registered blind</li> <li>long-term sick or disabled</li> <li>under 22 and a care leaver</li> <li>We will contact you if we need anymore in</li> </ul>	☐ ☐ Reg. n☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	o. Reg. no
Council would appreciate your co-operation We will keep your details private. We will use working fairly.	n. This question wurse them to produ	ed to answer this question, however Shepway District vill not affect your claim or the processing of it.  Ince figures so that we can check that the benefits system is the group to which you feel best describes you. It does not
l am:		My partner is:
White British		White British
White Irish		White Irish
Other White (please tell us your origin)		Other White (please tell us your origin)
Mixed Race (please tell us your origin)  Black British		Mixed Race (please tell us your origin)  Black British
Other Black (please tell us your origin)		Other Black (please tell us your origin)
Asian British		Asian British
Other Asian (please tell us your origin)		Other Asian (please tell us your origin)
Any other Origin (please tell us your origin)		Any other Origin (please tell us your origin)

### Part 2 About children

You may be able to get more benefit/reduction if there are children in your household and they are:

- under 16
- aged 16 or 17 and registered for work or youth training: or
- aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 and in education doing a course not higher than GCSE, A-Level, SCE Higher Level or GNVQ (advanced)

Are there any children in your household?	paper to tell ι	ore than three children, use is all the information we as arate sheet of paper, tick th	k for on this page.
Last name	First child	Second child	Third child
Other names			
Date of birth	/ /	/ /	/ /
What is the child's sex?			
The child's relationship to you			
The child's relationship to your partner			
Usual address if different from yours			
	Postcode	Postcode	Postcode
Child Benefit number			
Who gets the Child Benefit for them? We need to see proof of this			

Part 2 About children - con	ипиеа		
	First child	Second child	Third child
Is the child registered blind?	No Yes	No Yes	No Yes
	w	e need to see proof of thi	s.
Does the child get Disability Living Allowance/Personal Independence Payment?	No How much?  Care: £  a week	No How much?  Care: £  a week	No How much?  Care: £  a week
	Mobility: <b>£</b> a week	Mobility: <b>£</b>	Mobility: <b>£</b>
Do you pay a registered childminder, nursery or afterschool club any childcare costs for this child?	Yes Tell us the name and registration number of the minder	Yes Tell us the name and registration number of the minder	Yes Tell us the name and registration number of the minder
	How much do you have to pay a week?	How much do you have to pay a week?	How much do you have to pay a week?
	£	£	£
How many weeks in a year is childcare provided?			

We need to see evidence of the registration number and the amount paid for each child.

### Part 3 About other people who live with you

Now tell us about all the people who If you want to tell us about more than 3			
If you are sending a separate sheet of pa	aper, tick this box. $\square$		
Do any adults usually live with you and your partner? By adults we mean people aged 16 and over who nobody gets Child Benefit for.	No Go to Part 4  Yes Give details be	elow.	
Last name	First person	Second person	Third person
Last name			
Other names			
Date of birth	/ /	/ /	/ /
National Insurance Number			
Their relationship to you or your partner			
partner	•	t, brother, daughter, father, tenant, joint owner, subtena	0
On what date did they move in to this address?			
Do they get Income Support, income based Job Seekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance/Guarantee Pension Credit or Universal Credit?	No Yes	No Yes	No Yes
Do they get Disability Living Allowance/Attendance Allowance /Personal Independence Payment /Armed Forces Independence Allowance?	No How much?	No How much?	No How much?
Allowance:			
Are they registered blind?	No	No	No .
	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are they a full-time student, a student nurse, a care worker, an	No	No	No
apprentice or on youth training?	Yes Tell us which	Yes Tell us which	Yes Tell us which

Have you provided proof?

Remember - when providing proof, photocopies are not acceptable

Part 3 About other people who live with you - continued

	First person	Second person	Third person
Do they pay you rent or money for board and lodgings to you or your partner?	No	No	No
	Yes	Yes	Yes
If yes, how much?	<b>£</b> a week	<b>£</b> a week	<b>£</b> a week
Does this include money for food?	No	No	No
	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does this include money for heating?	No	No	No
	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are they severely mentally impaired?	No	No	No
	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are they in legal custody at the moment?	No	No	No
	When are they expected to come out?	When are they expected to come out?	When are they expected to come out?
Are they in hospital at the moment?	No	No	No
	Yes	Yes	Yes
	If yes, when did they go in?	If yes, when did they go in?	If yes, when did they go in?
	/ /	/ /	/ /
	When are they due to come out (if you know this)?	When are they due to come out (if you know this)?	When are they due to come out (if you know this)?
	/ /	/ /	/ /
Do they normally work for 16 hours or more a week?	No	No	No
	Yes	Yes	Yes
	If yes, tell us their earnings before any deductions.	If yes, tell us their earnings before any deductions.	If yes, tell us their earnings before any deductions.
	<b>f</b> a week	<b>£</b> a week	<b>£</b> a week

### Part 3 About other people who live with you - continued

### **Second person** Third person First person Do they have any other income No No No at all? This includes any benefits or Tell us about Tell us about Tell us about allowances you have not told us it below Yes it below Yes it below about on this form and interest from Name of first Name of first Name of first savings and investments. other income other income other income Where does this income Where does this income Where does this income come from? come from? come from? How much is it before How much is it before How much is it before deductions? deductions? deductions? £ £ £ a week a week a week Name of second Name of second Name of second other income other income other income Where does this income Where does this income Where does this income come from? come from? come from? How much is it before How much is it before How much is it before deductions? deductions? deductions? £ £ £ a week a week a week Name of third Name of third Name of third other income other income other income Where does this income Where does this income Where does this income come from? come from? come from? How much is it before How much is it before How much is it before deductions? deductions? deductions? £ £ £ a week a week a week

Are any of the people who normally live with you married to each other or living together as if they were married? We call these people partners.

No Yes Yes		
If yes, tell us their names b	elow	
	is the partner of	
And	•	
	is the partner of	

### Part 4 About Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment Support Allowance and Guarantee Pension Credit

Are you or your partner getting or waiting to hear about a claim for Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, incomerelated Employment Support Allowance or Guarantee Pension Credit?	No Go to Part 5 Yes You	Your partner
Are you or your partner actually getting Income Support, incomebased Jobseeker's Allowance income-related Employment Support Allowance or Guarantee Pension Credit?	No Yes If yes, when did you start getting it?	No Yes  If yes, when did they start getting it?
Are you or your partner still waiting to hear about a claim for Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance incomerelated Employment Support Allowance or Guarantee Pension Credit?	No Yes  If yes, when did you claim?  //  Which benefit are you getting or waiting to hear about?  Income Support  Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance  Income-related Employment Support Allowance  Guarantee Pension Credit	No Yes  If yes, when did they claim?  Which benefit are they getting or waiting to hear about?  Income Support  Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance  Income-related Employment Support Allowance  Guarantee Pension Credit

Note: There are two types of Job Seeker's Allowance, contribution-based and income-based and two types of Employment Support Allowance, income-related and contributory. If you are in receipt of contribution-based Job Seeker's Allowance or contributory Employment Support Allowance you should go to Part 5 and declare it there.

If you have ticked Yes to being in receipt of Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment Support Allowance or Guarantee Pension Credit go to Part 11.

Are you completing this form because you have moved home?

If so and you are getting Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment Support Allowance or Guarantee Pension Credit have you informed the Department for Work and Pensions that you have moved? It will help speed up the processing of your Housing Benefit claim/Council Tax Reduction if you give the Department of Work and Pensions details of your change of address as soon as possible.

### Part 5 About benefits and pensions Are you or your partner getting any benefits or waiting Go to Part 6 No to hear about benefits you have claimed? Tell us about the benefits below, Tell us the Yes full rate of benefits before any deductions. Bereavement Allowance Contributory Employment Support Allowance Maternity Allowance Child Benefit • Child Tax Credit Retirement Pension • Disability Living Allowance/Attendance Allowance Severe Disablement Allowance Personal Independence Payment • War Disablement Benefit, War Pension, Armed Forces • Armed Forces Independence Payment and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme • Fostering Allowance • Widow's or Widower's Benefits • Guardian's Allowance • Pension Credit (including Savings Credit) • Incapacity Benefit · Working Tax Credit • Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit · Statutory Sick Pay • Industrial Death Benefit Statutory Maternity Pay • Carers Allowance Adoption Pay Contribution based Jobseeker's Allowance • Universal Credit Read the list of benefits above and tell us about any you and your partner are getting now or have claimed. The list covers most of the benefits available, however, if you are getting or have claimed any benefit that is not listed please let us know about it below. You Your partner The name of the benefit or pension Waiting to hear Getting now How much? How much? £ £ How often? How often? Every Every The name of the benefit or pension Waiting to hear Getting now How much? How much? How often? How often? The name of the benefit or pension Waiting to hear Getting now How much? How much? How often? How often?

### Answer the questions Are you or your partner Go to Part 7 No on this page. self-employed? We need to see evidence of your income. Ideally we would like to see audited trading accounts for the last financial year. If you do not have audited accounts or have only just started trading please contact us for advice. We may ask you to complete our Self-Employed Earnings Information form, which we will provide on request. You Your partner What kind of work do you do? When did the business start? What is the business address? Postcode Postcode Are there any other partners in the business? Yes Yes If yes, tell us their name and address If yes, tell us their name and address Postcode Postcode How many hours a week do you usually work? Do you get a Business Start-Up Allowance? If yes, how much? If yes, how much? £ £ How often? How often? Every **Every** Do you pay into a private pension scheme? If yes, how much? If yes, how much? £ £ How often? How often? Every Every

Part 6 About being self-employed

We must see evidence of your earnings before we can decide how much benefit/reduction you can get.

Read the examples in Part 15 to see what you can use as evidence.

Part 7 About working for a	n employer		
Do you or your partner work for an employer	No Go to Part 8  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.  If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box.		
	You	Your partner	
What kind of work do you do?			
What is the employer's name and address?			
	Postcode	Postcode	
When did you start this job?	/ /	/ /	
What is your payroll, employee or staff number?			
Are you employed for a limited period of time?	No Yes If yes, when will you finish?	No Yes If yes, when will they finish?	
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?		/ /	
When will your next pay rise be?		/ /	
How many hours a week do you usually work?			

### Part 7 About working for an employer - continued

	You	Your partner
Give details of any regular overtime, bonuses or commission.		
Are you getting Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) or Statutory Paternity Pay (SPP), Adoption Pay or Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) from your employer at the moment?	No Yes When did it start?  // / When do you anticipate it will end? // /	No Yes When did it start?  // / When do they anticipate it will end? // /
Are you getting any other sick pay or maternity pay from your employer at the moment?	No Yes When did it start?  // When do you anticipate it will end? // //	No Yes When did it start?  When do they anticipate it will end?
Do you pay into a private or company pension scheme? We need to see proof of this.	No Yes How much?  How often?  Every	No Yes How much?  Every

We must see proof of any earnings before we can decide how much benefit/reduction you can get. Read the examples in Part 15 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 on this page.  You Your partner		
What other work do you do?	Tou	Your partner	
What is the name and address of the person you do this work for?			
When did you start this work?	Postcode / /	Postcode / /	
How many hours a week do you usually work?			
Do you get paid?  If you only get expenses or tips, still tick 'YES' and give details.	No Yes  If yes, how much do you get before any deductions?  E  How often?	No Yes  If yes, how much do they get before any deductions?  ••  ••  ••  ••  ••  ••  ••  ••  ••	

Remember - we need to see proof of all income. If any of the required proof is not available DON'T DELAY IN MAKING YOUR APPLICATION.

Part 9 About other money coming in			
Do you or your partner, or any children you are claiming for, have any money coming in (or expect to have some money coming in) that you have not already told us about on this form?  Yes  Go to Part 10  Yes  Answer the questions on this page.			
This includes occupational pensions, matold us about on this form, money from payments. Also tell us about any money You do not need to tell us about paymenthe Skipton Fund.	a trust fund, training allowances, you get from people living in you	a student grant Ir house as boa	or loan, and any cash ders, lodgers or subtenants.
Other money 1			
What is the money for?			
Who gets it?			
How much do they get?	£	How often	Every
Who is it from?			
When did they start getting this income?	/ /		
When is this income likely to go up?	/ /		
Other money 2			
What is the money for?			
Who gets it?			
How much do they get?	£	How often	Every
Who is it from?			
When did they start getting this income?	/ /		
When is this income likely to go up?	/ /		
Does anyone owe money to you, your partner, or any children you are claiming for?	No Yes	If yes,	what for?
are claiming to:	How much?		
Do you have a pension which you could draw on but have chosen not to?	No Yes	If yes,	please provide evidence.
Are you expecting to get any money in the next 12 months? For example, a redundancy payment or a payment instead of	No Yes How much?	If yes,	what for?
notice or holiday.	£		

# Part 10 About capital, bank/building society accounts, savings and investments

Please note: All accounts held, even empty or overdrawn ones, should be declared in this section Do you or your partner have any capital, bank/building society accounts, savings Go to Part 11 investments or properties in the UK or Abroad? This includes cash, current accounts and savings Yes Answer all the questions in this part. We accounts with a bank or building society, post office must see evidence of all the capital, bank/ accounts, premium bonds, National Savings Certificates, building society accounts, savings and and stocks and shares. investments. Read the evidence list at Part 15 to see what you can use as evidence. Do you or your partner have any bank accounts? Tell us about all your bank accounts, even empty or overdrawn ones. If there are more than two bank accounts, tell us about the others on a separate sheet of paper and send it with this form. If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box. Name of bank Account number How much is in the account? Whose name is the account in? £ Name of bank Account number Whose name is the account in? How much is in the account? £ Do you or your partner have any building society accounts? Tell us about **building society accounts**, even if you do not use them regularly. If you have more than 2 building society accounts, tell us the others on a separate sheet of paper and send it with this form. If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box. Name of building society Account number Whose name is the account in? How much is in the account? £ Name of building society Account number How much is in the account? Whose name is the account in? £

# Part 10 About capital, bank/building society accounts, savings and investments - continued

Do you or your partner have any post office accounts? This includes savings accounts and Girobank accounts	No Yes Tell us about all your post office accounts, even empty or overdrawn ones. If there are more than 2 post office accounts, tell us about the others on a separate sheet of paper and send it with this form.  If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box.		
	Type of account	Account number	
	Type of account	Account number	
	Whose name is the account in?	How much is in the account?	
	Type of account	Account number	
	Whose name is the account in?	How much is in the account?	
		£	
Do you or your partner have any premium bonds?	No Yes		
	Value <b>£</b>		
Do you or your partner have any National Savings Certificates?	No Yes		
	Issue number	Value How many?	
		£	
	Issue number	Value How many?	
		£	
Do you or your partner have any stocks, shares, bonds or unit trusts?	No Yes		
	Company name	How many?	
	Company name	How many?	

Have you provided proof?

Remember - when providing proof, photocopies are not acceptable

### accounts, savings and investments - continued Do you or your partner have any other capital, savings or investments? For example, cash, TESSAs, ISAs, If yes, tell us about this. TOISAs, compensation, or any other money you have not told us about on this form. Do you or your partner own or partly own any property, land or timeshare, other than the home you live in, either in the UK or If yes, what is the address? abroad? Tick 'Yes' even if you have a mortgage or loan for the property, land or timeshare. Postcode How much is it worth? £ We may need to write to you for further information If you have a mortgage or loan for £ this, how much is left to repay? You Your partner Have you or your partner received a Far Eastern Prisoner of War **Compensation payment?** We need to know this to make sure we do not count it as part of your savings. You Your partner Have you or your partner received a compensation payment made to Nο victims of atrocities that happened during the Second World War? We need to know this to make sure we do not count it as part of your savings. Have you, your partner or any We may need to write to you for children you are claiming for further information received a payment for the vCJD (Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease) Trust?

Part 10 About capital, bank/building society

IMPORTANT: We must see evidence of <u>all</u> your capital, savings and investments. If any or the required proof is not available don't delay making your application.

Part 11 About rent	
Do you rent your home? Tick 'Yes' if you would pay rent but you already get Housing Benefit	No Go to Part 14  Yes Answer the next question
Do you pay rent to the Council?	No Answer the questions below  Yes Go to Part 12
What is your landlord's 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, your partner, or any of you or your partner's children related to your landlord or agent, or to your landlord's partner or agent's partner? Related includes related through marriage, even if the marriage has ended. Some examples are ex-wife, ex-husband, aunt, brother, daughter, father, grandson, grandmother, son-in-law or stepdaughter.	Yes  If yes, what is the relationship?  is my landlord's or agent's
What sort of tenancy do you have? For example, shorthold, assured tied	
rent or something like this.	
Are you a Crown Tenant?	No Yes
How long is the tenancy for?	/ / to / /
Is your rental agreement linked with your employment?	No Yes

Part 11 About rent - continu	ned
Please tick to show if the property is let as:	Furnished Partly furnished Unfurnished
Who is responsible for internal decoration?	You Your Landlord/ Landlords agent
How much is the rent for your home?	every  For example, every week/fortnight/4 weeks/month
Does anyone else share the rent with you and your partner?	No Yes If yes, tell us their names and relationship to you and your partner.
	How much of the rent do you pay?
	<b>£</b> every
	For example, every week/ fortnight/ 4 weeks/ month
Has your rent changed in the last 12 months?	No Send us evidence of the date it changed, and how much it changed.
When is the next rent increase due?	
Has your rent been registered as a fair rent by a rent officer?	No Yes Please send us the notice of registration (R05)
Do you have any weeks when you do not have to pay rent?	No Yes How many in a year?
Are you behind on your rent?	No Yes By how many weeks?
Who should receive the Council Tax bill for your home?	
You or your partner	
Your landlord	
Someone else	
	Tell us who receives the Council Tax Bill

### Remember

We must see proof of your rent and tenancy before we can decide how much Housing Benefit you can get. If you have a current tenancy agreement we need to see it. If not you can get your landlord/landlord's agent to complete and sign Appendix II Rent Proof which you can find at the back of this form.

### Part 11 About rent - continued

## Does your rent include money for the following?

Meals	No .	Yes	How much each week?	£
	Which meals	are included?		
Water authority charges	No .	Yes	How much each week?	£
Heating	No .	Yes	How much each week?	£
Lighting	No	Yes	How much each week?	£
Hot water	No	Yes	How much each week?	£
Fuel for cooking	No	Yes	How much each week?	£
Laundry	No	Yes	How much each week?	£
Cleaning rooms or windows	No	Yes	How much each week?	£
Gardening	No	Yes	How much each week?	£
Garage or parking space	No .	Yes	How much each week?	£
	Does it come agreement?	included as ।	oart of your	No Yes
Personal care and support	No	Yes	How much each week?	£
Do you pay any service charges separate from your rent? For example, for cleaning or lighting in shared areas, an alarm system, a warden, general counselling or support, meals, or lift maintenence.	No What for?	Yes	How much each week?	£

Part 11 About rent - continu	ued	
Are you living away from home at the moment?	No Yes If yes, tell us why you are not living at home When did you last live at home?  When do you expect to go back home?  Tell us the address of where you are living a Pour If your home has been sublet, tell us who live	t the moment.
Part 12 About where you l	ive	
What sort of building do you live in:		
Detached house	Flat in a house	Hotel
Semi-detached house	Flat in a block	Board and lodgings
Terraced house	Flat over a shop	Caravan, mobile home or houseboat
Maisonette	Bedsit or rooms	Residential nursing home
Bungalow	Hostel	Residential care home
Other (please specify)		
Does your home have central heating?	No Yes	
Does your home have a garden	No Yes	
Does your home have a garage or parking space	No Yes	
Has your home been built or adapted for people with disabilities?	No Yes	

Part 12 About where you live	ve - continued			
How many floors in the building where you live?				
Which floor(s) do you live on?				
Do you and your household occupy only part of the building you have ticked?	No Yes  Where in the building do you live?  At the front    In the middle    At the back			
If room/bedsit/flat what is the room or flat number?				
How many rooms are there in the building	In the whole Rooms used only by house/flat/maisonette yourself and members of your household Rooms that you share with others who are not part of your household			
Living rooms				
Kitchens				
Bedsitting rooms				
Bedrooms				
Bathrooms or shower rooms				
Separate toilets				
Other rooms				
	If you have ticked 'Other rooms' what are they used for?			
Do you use your home for business?	No Yes Yes			
Do you have a main home somewhere else?	No Yes Yes			
If your main home is somewhere else in the UK or abroad, tick 'Yes', even	If yes, what is the address?			
if you do not pay rent for it				
	Postcode			
	How much do you pay for this home?			

### Part 13 How you will be paid and the choices you have

If you are a Council Tenant your Housing Benefit will be direct to your Housing Account - Go to **Part 14** 

Tenants getting Local Housing Allo	wance (LHA)	Housing Association and Tenants exempt from LHA
Your benefit will be paid directly to you bank/building society account via BACS private tenant in receipt of LHA you can have payment to your landlord. If there why you <b>cannot</b> manage your own renshould contact us for an 'Application fo Payment to Landlord' form.	in If you are a not choose to e is a reason t payments you	You can choose to have payments made directly to your bank/building society account via BACS or to your landlord or landlord's agent.  I want my benefit to go to myself I want my benefit to go straight to my landlord I want my benefit to go straight to my landlord's agent  We may contact them about this.
You can find the account details on you	r cheque book, poor other account	your account details below. You must fill in all the boxes. ass book or statements. If you are not sure about the provider. Please make sure that the account you wish to
Name of Bank or Building Society Branch		Sort code
		John Could
Account Name		
Account Number		
Sharing information with your		

Sharing information with your 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.

The law requires that we inform your landlord of certain decisions we make on your claim, for example, when a decision is made to pay benefit to your landlord.

Under the Data Protection Act 1998 we need your permission to discuss anything else.

If you decide you are happy for us to discuss the details of your claim with your landlord you can give us permission by signing the box below. If you give us permission, we would be able to tell your landlord whether:

- · you have claimed Housing Benefit, or
- we have made a decision on your claim, or
- we need more information to make a decision on your claim, and what the information may be.

We will also be able to tell your landlord about:

- any personal or household circumstances that affect your claim
- any financial circumstances that affect your claim

We will not give your landlord any information about:

• your forwarding address if you leave their property, unless you give us permission to do so.

You can withdraw your permission at anytime. 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 Shepway District Council permission to share information about my House	ising Benefit daim with my landlord or their representative.
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Signature		Date	/	/

# Use the box below to tell us anything else you think we should know about. If you are completing this form to notify us of a Change or Circumstances please use this section to give brief details and date of change. Use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form if you need to. If you are sending separate sheets of paper with this form, tell us how many.

### Part 15 Examples of evidence you should provide

Part 14 Anything you need to tell us

See below for examples of the sort of evidence you need to supply with your application. 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 Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction.

### **Evidence of identity**

Such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, passport, National Insurance number card, medical card, driving licence, UK residence permit, EU identity card or recent paid gas or electricity bill. We need to see a minimum of two sorts of proof of identity for each person.

### **Evidence of National Insurance**

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

### **Evidence of capital, savings and investments**

Such as all your bank, building society or post office accounts. For these we will need to see full bank statements or account books showing all transactions for the last two months. Such as 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

### **Evidence of earnings**

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 or four weekly. If you do not have these wage slips ask your employer to complete sign and stamp Appendix I Certificate of Earnings which you can find at the back of this form. Appendix I can be detached from the form and sent to us later, but remember, it is your responsibility to make sure that we receive it within the one month time limit. If you or your partner are self-employed, we need to see your accounts for the last financial year or, you can complete our self employed Earnings Information form which is available on request.

### Evidence 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.

### Evidence of benefits, allowances or pensions

Such as award notices or letters from social security confirming the start date and the amount you are entitled to. Please do not send order books through the post.

### Evidence of private rent and tenancy

Usually a current tenancy agreement provides all the information we require. If you do not have a current tenancy agreement we suggest that you ask your landlord/landlord's agent to complete Appendix II Rent Proof which you can find at the back of the form. Appendix II has been designed so that once it is fully completed and signed we have all the information we need. Appendix II Rent Proof can be detached from this form and sent to us later but remember it is your responsibility to make sure that we receive it within the one month time limit.

### Evidence of other money paid out

Such as letters about student grants or maintenance, agreements or receipts from registered child carers.

If you have any questions or have difficulty supplying the evidence needed please phone Customer Services on **01303 853555** for advice.

### Part 16 Backdating

When you apply for Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction, your application will normally be assessed from the Monday after the council has received your application.

We may be able to pay you benefit or reduction from an earlier date, if there was a good reason for the delay in making your application.

### What is a good reason?

A good reason is anything that stopped you from applying for benefit or reduction earlier.

In order for an application to be backdated we must be satisfied that

- you have shown good reason(s) for failing to apply earlier and
- that good reason(s) existed continuously for the whole of the period you are requesting backdated benefit or reduction for. You should give as much information as you can for the whole of the backdated period. You may have more than one reason for not claiming sooner, you must tell us about all of those reasons.

If you want us to consider paying your benefit or reduction from an earlier date, tell us when you want benefit/reduction from and why you did not apply earlier. Please provide documentary evidence to confirm the circumstances that prevented you from making your application earlier. Such as a doctor's letter, a letter from a social worker, a letter from the Department for Work and Pensions. The evidence you provide will depend on your reasons for not applying when you first needed benefit/reduction.

Date you want to apply from / /						
For this earlier period were your circumstances the same as on this form <b>No</b> Yes If No, please provide details						
Use the box below to tell us why you have not applied before. (If you need more space please continue on a separate piece of paper).						
If you are sending a separate piece of paper, please tick this box.						

### 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, they must sign this declaration as well. If you are completing this form on behalf of someone else because you hold power of attorney for them please sign this form, on their behalf, in the box provided for their signature. You will need to provide documentary evidence of the power of attorney.

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 Reduction, 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 let you know in writing about any change in my circumstances which might affect my claim.

### See list below for examples of the sort of changes you must tell us about

- Any of your children leave school or leave home
- Anyone moves in or out of your home (including lodgers and sub-tenants)
- Your income or the income of anyone living with you (including benefits) changes
- Your capital or savings change
- Your rent changes (unless you pay rent to Shepway District Council)
- You move
- You are going to be away from the home for a month or more
- Anyone living with you goes into hospital as an in-patient
- Anything else you have told us about changes

You must tell us about these changes in writing – a phone call is not enough. Don't rely on other people, other Council services such as our Housing Department or other agencies such as the Department for Work and Pensions telling us.

Whilst you are getting Council Tax Reduction you must tell us about any changes in your circumstances which might affect your discount. For examples of the sorts of changes please see the list above. If we give you a reduction and the circumstances change, you must tell us within **21 days** of the date the change occurs. Failure to do so may result in a penalty of £70.00 which is payable in addition to the standard charge.

Whilst you are getting Housing Benefit you must tell us about any changes in your circumstances which might affect your benefit. For examples of the sorts of changes please see the list above. If we give you Housing Benefit and the circumstances change, you must tell us within **1 month** of the date the change occurs.

### Part 17 Declaration

I declare the information I have given on this form is correct and complete and can be used for processing my Housing Benefit and my entitlement to Council Tax Reduction.

Signature of person claiming		Partner's signature					
Date / /		Date	/	/			
Warning: Any person making a false statement or withholding information may be prosecuted  If this form has been filled in by someone other than the person applying:  Please tell us why you are filling in this form for the person applying.							
Name of the person who filled in the form							
Signature of the person							
Relationship to the person applying							
Date							
<b>Discretionary Housing Payme</b>	nts						
Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) entitlement. They are paid in addition to If you would like us to send you a leaflet	what we actually ca	alculate your weel	kly benefit				efit
		For O	ffice use	only			
Please send me information o Discretionary Housing Paymen		Date s	sent	/		/	

When you have completed and signed this form, please return it to:

### **Customer Contact**

Shepway District Council Civic Centre Castle Hill Avenue Folkestone Kent CT20 2QY

Customer Services at the Civic Centre are open 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9.30am - 5.00pm on Wednesday. You can visit us on a first come first served basis anytime between these hours. Customer Services can verify your documentation at the counter so that you do not have to leave important documents with us.

Benefit Ref. No. (if k	known)				Appendix I		
	Certificate of earnings						
		to be fil	led in by employer	'S			
Employee's full na	me						
Employee's refere	nce number		D	ate employment star	rted		
Franksia 'a kama	- 4 4						
Employee's home	address						
National Insurance	e number:		Occupa	tion:			
				e has only recently start /monthly/4 weekly wag	ted work for you, please		
	aueu paper cor		a weekiy/Torungnuy	monuny 4 weekly wag	es after deductions		
Gross pay to date							
Gross earnings, inclimonths if they are p	•	e and any extra payı	ments for the past	five weeks if they are	paid weekly, or past two		
How often is emplo	yee paid?	weekly	fortnightly	four weekly	monthly		
Week ending	Hours Gross	Working Families  pay Tax Credit	Income National tax insurance	Superannuation personal pension scheme	Other Pay after deductions		
(write the date)	worked £	£	f f	£	f f		
1							
3							
4							
5							
Please give the date	and amount o	f this amplayage las	t nav rico				
9		. ,	. ,				
Start date of salary increase	/ /	Previous Sal	ary	Increased Salary			
Method of paymen	nt cash	BACS	cheque	other			
I certify that the information given on this form is correct.							
Employer's name a	nd address						

This form must be signed by a company director, company secretary, personnel officer or the person in charge.

headed paper

Official stamp

If there is no official stamp, please provide a supporting letter on

Please return this form to: Customer Contact, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY. Telephone: 01303 853555

Telephone

**Signature** 

**Date** 

**Position in firm** 

Benefit Ref. No. (if known)				Append	ix II Rent Proof
Please remember that, if you that it is returned to the House					
Tenant's full name					
Tenant's address					
				Postcode	
Date the tenancy started?	/	/			
How much rent do you charge?	£				
How often do you charge this?			$\overline{\ \ }$		
If joint tenancy what % of ren is the tenant responsible for?					
Does the rent include any of t	he following?			If <b>"Yes"</b> wh	ich meals are included
Meals	Yes	No	Breakfast	Lunch	Evening meal
Water charges	Yes	No	Amour	t £	
Heating	Yes	No	Amour	t £	
Lighting	Yes	No	Amoun	t £	
Hot water	Yes	No	Amoun	t £	
Cooking	Yes	No	Amoun	t £	
Laundry	Yes	No	Amoun	t £	
Cleaning their room	Yes	No	Amour	t £	
Council Tax	Yes	No	Amour	t £	
Garage or parking space	Yes	No	Amoun	t £	
Care or support*	Yes	No	Amoun	t £	
Other*	Yes	No	Amour	t £	
* If the rent includes either of these we may <b>Declaration</b> The information I have given on the			'ou can make any enqu	iries you nee	ed to check the details.
Landlord's name (please print)			<u> </u>	-	
Full address (please print)					
				Postcode	
Landlord reference number (if applicable)					
Signature				Date	

### Return this form to:

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