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# Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support claim form



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We will be happy to help you.

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Burnley BB11 1NN

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# A claim form for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support

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	bout you and your partner			
<ul><li>By partner, we mean:</li><li>someone you are marr</li><li>Your civil partner or so</li><li>(A civil partner is someone</li></ul>	ho normally lives with you?  ied to or live with as if you are married to them, or meone you live with as if you are civil partners.  who has entered into a formal agreement, ip, with a same-sex partner.)	No Yes	answer	ave a partner, you must all the questions about s well as yourself.
	You	Your	partner	
Surname or family name				
Other names				
Any other names you have used				
Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, other)				
Address, including room number if you have one. Do not tell us your partner's address if it is the same as yours.	Postcode		F	Postcode
What date did you move to this address?	/ /	,	/ /	]
Your phone number				
Your email address				
Date of birth	/ /	,	/ /	

#### **National Insurance (NI) number**

You can find this on payslips, letters about any benefits you receive or letters from the tax office. We cannot normally decide your claim if we do not have your NI number. We need to see proof of this.

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

When did you last claim?

Which council did you claim from?

What name did you use for the claim?

What address did you claim for?

If you have moved from this address, have you told the council you claimed from?

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 the homeowner, a private tenant, a council tenant or a lodger at this address.

You		Your	partner	
Letters Numbers	Letter	Letters	Numbers	Letter
If you do not have an NI number, or cannot find it, tick this box	Ē,		o not have an NI number, ot find it, tick this box	
No		No		
Yes Please tell us about it be	ow.	Yes	Please tell us about it	below.
/ /		/	/ /	
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Postcode		Pos	stcode	
No		No		
Yes		Yes		
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We need to see proof of your and you	partner's id	lentity and	NI number. See the checkli	st in Part 16.

	You	Your partner
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?	No Yes We may write to you about this.	No Yes We may write to you about this.
What is your nationality?		
If your nationality is not British, on what date did you last enter and apply to stay in the UK? The UK is England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.		
Are you or your partner in hospital at the moment?	Yes Please tell us about it below.	Yes Please tell us about it below.
When did you go in?	/ /	/ /
When will you come out, if you know?	/ /	/ /
Do you or your partner get Disability Living Allowance/Personal Independence Payment?	No Yes How much?	Yes How much?
Care	£ Care	£
Mobility	£ Mobility	£
Do you or your partner get Attendance	No	No 📗
Allowance?	Yes We need to see proof of this.	Yes We need to see proof of this.
Does anyone get Carer's Allowance for looking after you or your partner?	No	No
Have you or your partner been told that you	Yes We need to see proof of this.	Yes We need to see proof of this.
are entitled to Carer's Allowance, even if you	No .	No
do not receive it because you are getting another benefit instead?	Yes We need to see proof of this.	Yes We need to see proof of this.

#### You Your partner Are you or your partner a student? No No By student, we mean anyone who is on a Tell us if this is full-time or part-time. Tell us if this is full-time or part-time. Yes Yes course of study at an educational establishment, including student nurses. Part-time Part-time Full-time Full-time Please indicate type of course. What is the name of the course? Start date **End date** Start date **End date** What is the duration of the course? Please tick if you or your partner: are an apprentice · are on youth training · are in legal custody · have a learning disability, mental illness or a form of dementia · are registered blind · are long-term sick or disabled Please give Please give • Is anyone in the household pregnant? due date due date Do you or your partner have a vehicle from No No a mobility scheme? Yes Yes

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

under 16

Are there any children in

We need to see proof of this.

your household as

- 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 GCE A-level, SCE Higher level or GNVQ (advanced).

No Go to Part 3.

described above? Ye	Yes If there are more than four children, use a separate sheet of paper to tell us all the information we ask for on this page and send it with the form.							
	If you are sending a s	separate sheet of paper, tick t	this box.					
	First child	Second child	Third child	Fourth child				
Surname or family name								
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								
Child Benefit number								
Who gets the Child Benefit for them?								

	First child	Second child	Third child	Fourth child
Does the child have any savings?	No How much are their savings?	No How much are their savings?	No How much are their savings?	No How much are their savings?
	£	£	£	£
Is the child registered blind?	No We need to see proof of this.	No We need to see proof of this.	No Ves We need to see proof of this.	No We need to see proof of this.
Does the child get Disability Living Allowance?	No Yes How much?	No Yes How much?	No Yes How much?	No Yes How much?
Care	£	£	£	£
Mobility	£	£	£	£
	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.
Do you or your partner pay any childminding costs for this child to a registered childminder, a nursery or an after-school club?	Yes Please tell us about it below.	Yes Please tell us about it below.	Yes Please tell us about it below.	Yes Please tell us about it below.
Tell us the name and registration number of the child care provider.				
How much do you pay a week?	£ a week	£ a week	£ a week	£ a week
	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.

Now tell us about all the people who usually live with you and your partner. Do not tell us about people who only share a hall, bathroom or toilet with you. If you want to tell us about more than three people, use a separate sheet of paper, If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box. Do you or your partner require overnight care? No No Yes Do you or your partner need a non-resident Yes carer to stay overnight? Do any adults usually live with you and Go to Part 4. Yes Fill in this section. vour partner? By adults, we mean people aged 16 or over who nobody gets Child Benefit for? Yes Do any of these adults have any children? First person **Second person** Third person Surname or family name Other names Date of birth **National Insurance number** Their relationship to you or your partner Some examples are aunt, brother, daughter, father, grandson, grandmother, stepdaughter, joint tenant, joint owner, subtenant, lodger, boarder or friend. When did they move in? Do they get Income Support, income-based No No Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit, incomerelated Employment and Support Allowance Yes Yes Yes or Universal Credit? Do they get Disability Living Allowance, No No No **Attendance Allowance or Personal Independence** Yes Yes Yes Payment? Are they registered blind? No No No Yes Yes Yes No Are they a full-time student, a student nurse, a No No care worker, an apprentice or on youth training? Tell us which. Tell us which. Tell us which. Yes Yes Yes

	Fir	st p	erson		Se	con	d person	Th	ird p	person	
Do they pay rent or money for board and	No	П			No	П		No	П		
lodgings to you or your partner?	Yes		Tell us at	oout it below.	Yes	ō	Tell us about it below.	Yes	Ī	Tell us	about it below.
How much?	£			a week	£		a week	£			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			
Do they have a severe learning disability, mental illness or form of dementia?	No				No			No			
montal milese of form of demonde.	Yes				Yes			Yes			
Are they in legal custody at the moment?	No				No			No			
	Yes		When are expected	they to come out?	Yes		When are they expected to come out?	Yes		When a	re they d to come out?
		,	/	/		,	/ /			/	/
Are they in hospital at the moment?	No				No			No			
	Yes		Tell us ab	out it below.	Yes		Tell us about it below.	Yes		Tell us	about it below.
When did they go in?		,	/	/		,	/ /			/	/
When are they due to come out (if you know)?		,	/	/			/ /			/	/
Do they normally work for 16 hours or more a week?	No				No			No			
	Yes			ir earnings  deductions.	Yes		Tell us their earnings before any deductions.	Yes			heir earnings any deductions.
	£			a week	£		a week	£			a week
	We ne	ed to s	see proof of	their earnings.	We ne	ed to s	see proof of their earnings.	We no	eed to	see proof	of their earnings.

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 not told us about in this form and interest from savings and investments.	First person  No Yes Tell us about it below.	Second person  No  Yes  Tell us about it below.	Third person  No Yes Tell us about it below.
1 Where does this income come from? How much is it before deductions?	£	£	£
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3 Where does this income come from?  How much is it before deductions?	£ We need to see proof of their income.	£ We need to see proof of their income.	£  We need to see proof of their income.
Are any of the people who normally live with you married to each other, civil partners or living together as if they are married or civil partners?  We call these people partners.	No Yes Tell us about it below.	is the partner of	

No

Go to Part 5.

waiting to hear about?

Income-based Jobseeker's

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Universal Credit

Income Support

**Pension Credit** 

Allowance

Are you or your partner getting or waiting to hear about a claim for Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit, income-related Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit?

Are you or your partner actually getting Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit, income-related Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit at the moment?

Are you or your partner still waiting to hear about a claim for Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit, income-related Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit?

Yes		
Yo	u	Your partner
No Yes	When did you start getting it?	Yes When did you start getting it?
No Yes	When did you claim?  / / Which benefit are you getting or	No Yes When did you claim?  / / Which benefit are you getting or

waiting to hear about?

Income-based Jobseeker's

Income-related Employment

and Support Allowance

**Universal Credit** 

Income Support

**Pension Credit** 

Allowance

We must see proof of your benefits, allowances or pension before we can decide how much benefit you can get. Read the checklist in Part 16 to see what you can use as proof.

Are you or your partner self-employed?	No Go to Part 6.								
	Yes				nd us your trading accounts for the last				
				have only recently set up the business and do not have a full year's ed to see some other proof of your income. We will write to you about this.					
	You				our partner				
What kind of work do you do?									
When did the business start?		/ /	]		/ /				
What is the business address?									
			Postcode		Postcode				
Do you have any business partners?	No			No					
	Yes	Tell us their	name and address.	Yes	Tell us their name and address.				
	_								
	_								
			Postcode		Postcode				
Are you a director of the business?	No			No					
	Yes			Yes					
How many hours a week do you usually work?									
Do you get a Business Start Up Allowance?	No			No					
	Yes	How much a	nd how often?	Yes	How much and how often?				
		£	every		£ every				
Do you pay into a private pension scheme?	No			No					
	Yes	How much a	nd how often?	Yes	How much and how often?				
		£	every		£ every				

We must see proof of your earnings before we can decide how much benefit you can get. Read the checklist in Part 16 to see what you can use as proof.

Do you or your partner work for an employer?	No	Go to Part 7.		
	Yes			r partner work for more than one employer,
		tell us about all the employers on a sepa		
		If you are sending a separate sheet of	paper, 1	tick this box.
	Yoι		You	ır partner
Milest Iring of walk do you do?			100	
What kind of work do you do?				
What is your 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?	No		No	
	Yes	When will you finish?	Yes	When will you finish?
		/ /		/ /
How much do you get paid and how often?	£	every	£	every
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?

Are you getting Statutory Sick Pay (SSP), Statutory Paternity Pay (SPP), Adoption Pay or Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) from your employer at the moment?

Are you getting any other sick pay or maternity pay from your employer at the moment?

What date did it start?

What date did you start maternity leave?

Do you pay into a private or company pension scheme?

You	u	Your partner
No		No
Yes		Yes
No		No
Yes		Yes
	/ /	/ /
	/ /	/ /
No		No
Yes	How much and how often?	Yes How much and how often?
	£ every	£ every

We must see proof of any earnings before we can decide how much benefit you can get. Read the checklist in Part 16 to see what you can use as proof. If you get tips or bonuses, tell us about these in Part 15.

# 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.

#### What other work do you do?

What is the name and address of the person you do this work for?

#### When did you start this work?

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.

#### How much do you get paid and how often?

No	Go to Part 8.
Yes	Answer the questions on this page.

You	Your partner
Postcode	Postcode
/ /	/ /
No 📗	No
Yes Tell us about it below.	Yes Tell us about it below.
£ every	£ every

We must see proof of any earnings before we can decide how much benefit you can get. Read the checklist in Part 16 to see what you can use as proof.

Are you or your partner getting any benefits or
credits or waiting to hear about benefits or
credits you have claimed?

Read the list of benefits below and tell us about any you or your partner are getting now or have claimed.

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- State Pension
- Personal Independence Payment

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 this form.

 War Pension or a War Widow's Pension

No

Yes

- Income from annuities
- Works pension
- Occupational pension
- Incapacity Benefit
- Disability Living Allowance
- War Disablement Benefit
- Industrial Death Benefit
- Pension Credit (guarantee)

- Attendance Allowance
- Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit
- Carer's Allowance
- Child Benefit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Widowed Parent's Allowance
- Severe Disablement Allowance
- Bereavement Allowance
- Pension Credit (Savings Credits)

- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Fostering Allowance
- Guardian's Allowance
- Adoption Allowance
- Widow's Pension

every

- Maternity Allowance
- Reduced Earnings Allowance
- Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance

This is not a full list of all the types of benefit income you can get.

# If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box.

every

Go to Part 9.

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How much and how often?	How much and how often?
£ every	£ every
How much and how often?	How much and how often?
£ every	£ every
How much and how often?	How much and how often?

# The name of the benefit or pension

Waiting to hear

Getting now

#### The name of the benefit or pension

Waiting to hear

Getting now

#### The name of the benefit or pension

Waiting to hear

Getting now

We need to see proof of your and your partner's benefits and pensions. See the checklist in Part 16.

#### Do you or your partner:

- have any money coming in that you have not already told us about?
- expect to have any other money coming in?
- · delayed receiving any other money?

This includes occupational pensions, work pensions and private pensions, maintenance or child support for you, your partner or any of the children you have told us about on this form, money from a trust fund, training allowances, a student grant or loan and any cash payments. Also tell us about any money you get from people living in your house as boarders, lodgers or subtenants.

What is the money for?

Who gets it?

How much do they get paid and how often?

How is this paid?

When did they start getting this income?

When is the income likely to go up?

No		
	_	

Yes Answer the questions on this page.

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

Other money 1	Other money 2	Other money 3
£ every	£ every	£ every
/ /	/ /	/ /
/ /	/ /	/ /

#### Does anyone owe money to you or your partner?

What for?

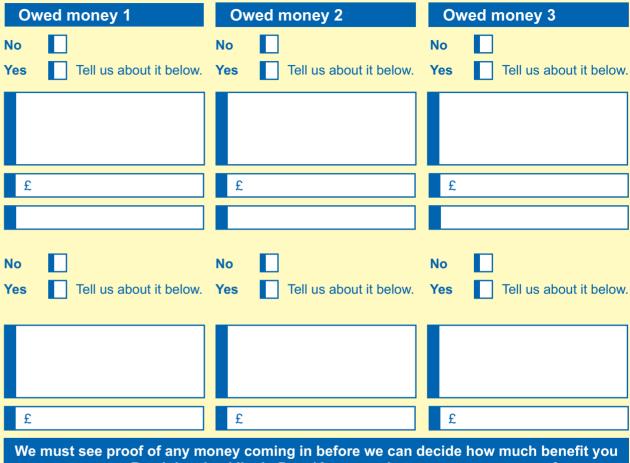
How much?

Who is it owed to?

Are you or your partner expecting to get any money in the next 12 months? For example, a redundancy payment or a payment instead of notice or holidays.

What for?

How much?



can get. Read the checklist in Part 16 to see what you can use as proof.

We need to know if you or your partner have any bank accounts, savings, investments or property in the UK or abroad.

This includes cash, current accounts and savings accounts with a bank or building society, Post Office accounts, Premium Bonds, National Savings Certificates and stock and shares.

Do you or your partner have any of the following? Bank accounts	No				
Dank accounts	Yes	How many accounts?		Total amount	£
Building society accounts	No				
	Yes	How many accounts?		Total amount	£
Cash	No				
	Yes			Total amount	£
Post Office accounts	No				_
	Yes	How many accounts?		Total amount	£
Premium Bonds	No		_		
	Yes	How many bonds?		Total amount	£
Unit trusts, ISAs, PEPs, TESSAs, TOISAs or	No				
other investments	Yes	How many?		Total amount	£
Income bonds or capital bonds	No				
	Yes	How many bonds?		Total amount	£
Money or property held in trust	No				
	Yes	How much?		Total amount	£
Any other savings or investments	No				
	Yes	How many?		Total amount	£
	Type o	f other savings or investment			
Sharos, approximate value		Name of the	company the sl	nares are held in	Number of shares held
Shares - approximate value	£				£
Shares - approximate value	£				£
	Please	continue on a separate she	et.		

Do you or your partner have any National Savings Certificates?	No Yes Please provide proof
Oo any of you or your partner's savings or nvestments include: money from the sale of a house, or money from a charity?	No Yes Please provide proof
Do you or your partner own any land, property or timeshare other than the place where you live, either in the UK or abroad? If YES, please give the address and details of	No Yes
now much it is worth. Please tick YES even if it	Address of property or
s on a mortgage or loan.	land Postcode
	Value of property or land £
	Is there a mortgage?  Yes What is the outstanding amount?
lave you or your partner owned any land or property in the last 5 years that you no	No Yes If 'Yes', please give the address and when you sold it.
onger own?	Address
	Postcode
	Date sold / /
lave you or your partner received: a Far Eastern Prisoner of War	No Yes What payments did you receive? Who received the payment?
Compensation payment, or a compensation payment made to victims of atrocities that happened	A Far Eastern Prisoner of War Compensation payment You Your partner
during the Second World War?  Ve need to know this to make sure we do not count it as part of your savings.	A compensation payment made to victims of atrocities You Your partner that happened during the Second World War
lave you or your partner received a	No
payment from the vCJD (variant Creutzfeldt-	Yes We will write to you about this.

Do you use your home for business?	No Yes	
Do you or your partner have a main home somewhere else?  If your main home is somewhere else in the UK or abroad, tick Yes, even if you do not pay rent for it.	Yes Tell us about it below.	
What is the address?	Postcode	
Do your or your partner pay rent on this home?	No Yes How much? £ Every	
Do you own your home or have a mortgage?	No Go to the next question.  Yes Go to Part 13.	
What sort of building do you live in? Tick one box only.	Detached house	

Does your home have any of these? Tick the boxes that apply.	Central heating A garden A garage A parking space		
Who is responsible for decorating your home?			
How many floors are there?			
Do you and your household live in only part of the building?	No As you look at On the left	t the building from the street, wher	re in the building do you live?
	At the front	In the middle	At the back
Which floors do you live on? For example, ground floor, first floor.			
How many rooms are there in the building? (Please write the number of rooms in the boxes provided)	In the whole building	Just for you and your household	That you share with other people
Living rooms			
Bedsitting rooms			
Bedrooms			
Bathrooms			
Bathrooms or shower rooms			
Toilets			
Kitchens			
Other rooms			

Who has to pay the Council Tax bill for your home?	You or your partner Your landlord	
Tick the box that applies.	Someone else Tell us who it is.	
What is the Council Tax reference number?		
Do you or your partner pay rent for your home? Tick Yes if you would pay rent but you already get Housing Benefit.  Do you or your partner pay rent to the council?	No Go to Part 13.  Yes Answer the next question.  No Answer the questions below.  Yes	
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.	T OSICOUC	
Is your landlord or agent or the partner of your landlord or agent?  • your former partner  • your partner's former partner	Postcode  No Yes What is the relationship?	
<ul><li>related to you or your partner</li><li>related to your children, or</li></ul>		is my landlord's or agent's
<ul> <li>related to your partner's children?</li> <li>Related includes related through marriage or civil par ex-husband, ex-civil partner, aunt, brother, daughter, son-in-law or stepdaughter.</li> </ul>		er agent 3
When did you or your partner start renting your home?	/ /	

#### When did you move to this address?

If you have not moved in yet, tell us when you expect to move in, then tell us when you have actually moved in.

#### What sort of tenancy do you have?

For example, shorthold, assured shorthold.

#### How long is the tenancy for?

#### What is the property let as?

Tick the box that applies.

# How much rent do you or your partner pay and how often?

For example, every week, every fortnight, every four weeks or every month.

# Does anyone else share the rent with you and your partner?

Tell us their names and their relationship to you and your partner.

#### How much rent do they pay and how often?

For example, every week, every fortnight, every four weeks or every month.

#### Has your rent changed in the last 12 months?

No

Yes

#### When is the next rent increase due?

/ /					
/ / to / / Furnished					
Partly furnished					
Hardly any furniture					
Unfurnished					
£ every					
No Yes Tell us the details below.					
£ every					

We must see proof 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.

Send us proof of the date it changed and how much it changed.

Has your rent been regist by a Rent Officer?	ered as a fair rent	No Yes		Please send us the	notice of regis	tration form <b>RO5.</b>		
Do you have any weeks when you do not		No	Ħ		3			
have to pay rent?		Yes		How many weeks in a year?				
Could you or a member of afford the rent when you		No			_			
without claiming Housing		Yes						
Are you behind with your	rent?	No						
		Yes		By how many week	s?			
Does your rent include m	oney for the following?			How much?	£	every		
Tick the boxes that apply. Meals	Meals			For which meals? Please tick.	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	
	Water authority charges			How much?	£	every		
	Heating			How much?	£	every		
Lighting			How much?	£	every			
	Hot water			How much?	£	every		
	Electricity			How much?	£	every		_
	Fuel for cooking			How much?	£	every		_
	Laundry			How much?	£	every		_
	Cleaning rooms or windo	WS		How much?	£	every		
	Gardening			How much?	£	every		
	Garage or parking space			How much?	£	every		
					Do you have to rent the garage as		No	
					part of your t	enancy agreement?	Yes	
	Personal care and suppp	ort		How much?	£	every		

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
maintenance?

Are you living away from home at the moment?

Why are you not living at home?

When did you last live at home?

When do you expect to go back home?

What is the address where you are living at the moment?

Have you sublet your home?

No					
Yes		How much?	£	every	
		What for?			
No	ш				
Yes		Tell us about it be	low.		
	/	/			
	/	/			
		Posto	ode		
No					
Yes		Who lives there now?			

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

- If you are a Housing Association tenant, we can pay Housing Benefit to you or your landlord.
- If you are awarded Council Tax Support, your council will pay this into your Council Tax account.
- If you are a private tenant, we may be able pay you directly into your bank or building society.
- If you are awarded Housing Benefit under the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) scheme, we will usually pay your Housing Benefit to you. You must then pay your landlord.
- If you have an affordable rent and it would help you get or keep your tenancy, we can consider paying your Housing Benefit directly to your landlord. Please give details below, if you think this applies to you.
- We can also pay your Housing Benefit directly to your landlord if you have difficulty managing your money; have health issues, debt problems or other issues that might prevent you from paying your landlord your rent. Please give details below if you think this applies to you.

#### About the account you want to use

Tick this box if you agree to be paid directly into an account.

#### Whose name or names is the account in?

- We use partner to mean:
  - a person you are married to or a person you live with as if you are married to them, or
  - a civil partner or a person you live with as if you are civil partners.
- By ticking the box for an account that includes the name of the person acting on your behalf, you confirm that you are authorising them to use the money in the way that you tell them, or that you are acting on behalf of the person making the claim.

#### What name or names is the account in? Please write the name or names as they appear on your chequebook, 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.

Please give your account details in the space below. You must fill in ALL the boxes, including the building society roll or reference number if you have one. This is the safest option. You can find the account details on your chequebook, passbook or statements. If you are not sure about the details, ask your bank, building society or other account provider. Please tick one box.
In your name
In your partner's name
In your name and your partner's name
In the name of the person acting on your behalf
In your name and the name of the person acting on your behalf
Account number This is between eight and 10 numbers long.

\*You must provide proof of this account or payments may not be sent.

**Building society roll or reference number** 

Some building society accounts use a roll or reference number. The number is on your passbook and can be up to 18 characters long.

If you are not sure if your account has a roll or reference number, ask the building society. \*You must provide proof of this account or

#### payments may NOT be sent.

Tick this box if you would like your Housing Benefit to be paid direct to your landlord. (This applies to housing association tenants only.)

Please fill in the authorisation form at the end of this form.

If you have claimed Housing Benefit before and we have paid directly into a bank/building socety account, are the details you have written above, the same?

Yes

No

NOTE: We cannot pay into a Post Office account.

Part 14 Additional information about you	page 28
Immediately before moving into this property have you lived in and received resettlement support for three months or more in a specialist hostel where the main purpose of the hostel is to provide accommodation, care, supervision or support?	No Yes
Have you been offered and accepted support services to help you be resettled or rehabilitated in the community during your stay in the hostel?	No Yes
Have you left prison and your housing has been arranged under the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)?	No
If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above questions, please provide evidence of your answers.	Yes

Evidence can be:

- a) A letter from the hostel confirming that you have lived with them for 3 months or more and that you have been offered and accepted support services to help you get resettled or
- b) A letter from MAPPA confirming that your housing has been arranged through them.

### Part 15 Anything else you need to tell us

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

Please tick to say what proof 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 your nearest council benefit office. 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 proof we need, we might not be able to pay you any benefit. We need the same proof for your partner, if you have one.

If you cannot send the proof we need at the moment, send the form back to us NOW and send the proof later.

We can start to process your claim, but we will not be able to pay you any benefit until we have all the proof.

· Proof of identity

Such as a birth certificate, marriage or civil partnership certificate, passport, medical card, driving licence, UK residence permit, EEC identity card or recent gas or electricity bill. We may need to see several of these documents for each person.

Proof of address

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

Proof of National Insurance number

Such as a National Insurance number card, payslips or letters from Social Security or the Tax Office.

Proof 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 proof of any interest or dividends you get on investments and savings. The proof you send must show details for at least two months.

Proof of earnings

We also need this for any other adults living in your home.

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

Proof of other income

We also need this for any other adults living in your home.

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.

Proof of benefits, allowances or pensions
 We also need this for any other adults living in your home.

Such as current award notices or letters from your Jobcentre Plus office, Social Security office or Pension Centre confirming how much you get. If you do not have proof, let us know straight away.

Proof of private rent and tenancy

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

· Proof of other money paid out

Such as letters about maintenance agreements or receipts from registered childminders.

Make sure you read and sign the declaration on page 30.

We can usually award benefit from the Monday after 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, you **must** tell us when you want benefit from and **why** you did not claim earlier, in part 15. **Please give as much information as possible.** 

Date you want to claim from

During this earlier period, were your circumstances different to those you have told us about on this form?

What has changed?

We need proof of any change in your circumstances for this period.

	/	/	
No			
No Yes			

#### Part 18 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.

• We will use your information in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. We have a duty to protect public funds and we may use the information you have given us or share it with other organisations to prevent and detect fraud. We will also share your information if we have a legal duty to do so, or where we believe that by doing so we can provide you with a better standard of service.

#### Please read this declaration carefully before you sign and date it.

- I understand that this claim form is made to you, my local council.
- I confirm that, as far as I know, the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.
- I understand that, if I have given information that is incorrect or incomplete, you may take legal action against me.
- I agree that you will use the information I have provided to process my claim for Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support, or both. You may check some of the information with other sources as allowed by law.
- I know that I must let the Revenues and Benefit Service, in the relevant Local Authority, know in writing straightaway about any change in my circumstances that could affect my claim. e.g. change in household.
- I understand that if I do not tell you about any change of circumstances and you award me too much benefit because of this, I may have to pay back the extra benefit, support and you may take legal action against me.
- I understand and agree that the information held by you for the purposes of my claim may be shared with the Local Education Authority for the purpose of determining a child's eligibility for free school meals or any other benefit, and with Lancashire County Council or One Connect for the purpose of determining my entitlement to a Social Fund Loan or other similar benefit.

Signature of the person claiming		Partner's signature	
Date	/ /	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 confirm that, as far as possible, I have checked with the person claiming that the answers I have written on this form are correct.

Date

Your name if you have filled in this form for the person claiming

Your signature

Part 19

Your relationship to the person claiming

# What to do next

- Check that you have filled in this form in all the relevant places.
- Check that you have signed the form.

If you do not have all the information, documents or evidence that we have asked for DO NOT DELAY in returning this form.

Send the form back to us straightaway and send the other information etc. to us as soon as you can.

If you delay in sending in this form until you have all the information etc. we have asked for, we will only be able to pay your benefit from the Monday after we have received your claim.

If you are living in Burnley, you can take your claim to Contact Burnley and have it checked by an experienced Benefit Officer as part of our Fast Track Service.

#### Part 20 Privacy Notice

The Council will use the information we hold about you to process your claim for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support. We may pass the information to other agencies or organisations, such as the Department for Work and Pensions or HM Revenues and Customs, as allowed by law.

We may check information you have provided, or information about you that someone else has provided, with other information held by us. We may also get information about you from certain third parties to prevent or detect crime, protect public funds and make sure the information is correct.

These third parties include government departments, local authorities and private-sector companies such as banks, organisations that may lend you money and companies that assist us in fraud detection and prevention such as Credit reference Agencies.

We will also share your information where we have any other legal obligation to do so, or where we believe that by doing so we can provide you with a better standard of service, for example the application of free school meals or a social fund loan. If you want more information, please visit your local authority s website.

To help us improve our services to our custo How would you describe your ethnic origin? Asian or Asian British		Do you consider yourself to have a disability?
Bangladeshi		Yes
Indian		No
Pakistani		
Any other Asian background, please specify		If Yes, please state if
		Visually impaired
Black or Black British		Physically impaired
African		Other
Caribbean	L	Please state
Any other Black/Black British background, please specify		1,0000 01110
Chinese or ethnic group		
Chinese		
Any other, please specify		
Mixed		
White and Asian		
White and Black African		
White and Black Caribbean		
Any other mixed background, please specify		
White		
British		
Irish		
Any other white background, please specify		

#### Sharing information with your landlord or their agent.

Under the Data Protection Act 1998, we need your permission to discuss your claim with your landlord, or their agent.

If you give us permission, we will only be able to tell your landlord or their agent whether, for example:

- you have claimed benefit and from what date,
- we have made a decision on your claim,
- · we need more information to make a decision on your claim.

We will not give your landlord or their agent any information about:

- your personal household circumstances
- your financial circumstances.

#### Please note

You can withdraw your permission at any time. To do this, please write to us and tell us you want to withdraw your permission.

It will not affect your claim if you do not give us permission, to discuss your claim with your landlord or their agent.

If we decide to pay your benefit to your landlord or their agent direct, by law we need to inform your landlord or their agent of this decision. We will also be able to tell your landlord or their agent certain other decisions.

If you want to give us permission, please sign below.

I give my local council permission to discuss certain information about my Housing Benefit claim with my landlord or their agent.

Signature of person claiming	Landlord's name & address	
Date		
	Agent's name & address	

#### This section applies to housing association tenants only.

You and your housing association should read and sign this agreement.

#### Your declaration

Please pay my Housing Benefit direct to my housing association.

- I understand that I must always tell you in writing and straightaway 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 you may take legal action against me if I do not tell you about any change of circumstance or if I give information that I know is incorrect or incomplete.

Signature of person claiming	Date	/	/	
Full name (in CAPITAL LETTERS)				

#### Your landlord's declaration

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 in my tenant's circumstances.
- I can be prosecuted if I accept Housing Benefit payments which I know I am not entitled to.
- If you pay me too much Housing Benefit for any tenants, 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	Date	/	/	
Full name (in CAPITAL LETTERS)				