



Appeal form

Please fill in this form to **appeal a decision** and send it to:

Benefit Services
Cotswold District Council
Trinity Road
Cirencester
Gloucestershire
GL7 1PX

Date:

Claim reference number:

Details of the applicant	
Full name	
Address and postcode	
Date of birth	
National Insurance (NI) number <i>Get this from your NI number card, payslips, tax papers or letters from social security</i>	
Contact telephone number:	
Email address:	
Have you arranged for someone to help you with your appeal?	Please circle Yes No
Their full name and address	
Sign this box to authorise this person to act for you	Date:

About the decision	
Name of benefit or benefits	
Date at the top of your decision letter	
About your appeal	
<p>Use the space below to say why you do not agree with the decision. You must say why you think the decision is wrong. It is not enough to say 'I do not agree with the decision' or 'The money is not enough'. The reasons given should be like these examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'My rent was £75 per week but you have stated that it was £35 per week'. • 'I moved into a property on 1 November not 1 December'. • 'You have used the wrong wages to work out my benefit. I received £250 only during the Christmas week'. <p>If you are appealing against more than one decision, state why you do not agree with each one. If you are appealing more than one month after the decision was made, you must say why your appeal has been delayed.</p>	
Your appeal	
<p>Use this space to say why you do not agree with the decision. You must say Why you think the decision is wrong.</p> <p>Use BLOCK CAPITALS</p>	

Your signature..... Date.....

If you need more space, use another sheet of paper. Remember to put your name and NI number on any extra sheets of paper.

What to do now

1. Make sure you have said why you do not agree with the decision.
2. Make sure you have filled in all parts of this form and signed it.
3. Take or send this form to Benefit Services, Cotswold District Council, Trinity Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1PX
4. It will help if you write Appeal on the front of the envelope.
5. Remember, your appeal must reach the office within one month of the date at the top of the decision letter.

If you need further details please phone us on 01285 623035 or e-mail benefits@cotswold.gov.uk

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