APPLICATION FOR HOUSING BENEFIT AND/OR COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

Private and confidential

| Name: | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--|--|------------|
| Address: | | | | |
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| Postcode: | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Email address: | | | | |
| Telephone No: | | | | |
| આપને અગ્રેજ ભાષા વાંચવાની કે લખવાની તંકલીફ હીય તો મહેરબાની કરી ટેઇમેસાઇડ દાઉન્સિલ દ્વારા યાલતી ઈન્ટરપ્રિટરે-ટ્રાન્સલેંટર સર્વિસની નીચેના સરનામે સંપર્ક સાદી. હાઉઝિંગ એઈડે સેન્ટર | Your claim wi Tax Benefit (i | II be assessed fo f applicable). | r both Housing a | nd Council |
| યક વૉરિગ્ટન સ્ટ્રીટ; આશ્ટેલ-અંડર-લાઈન, | Are you a: Please tick the a | ppropriate box. | | |
| દેવિશન: | Private Tenant | | Owner Occupier | |
| الحركت كواس فادم مستعيديا إست بركرف بي مشكلات بيش أدي | Housing Associa Tenant | tion | Crown Tenant | |
| ين نوبالمصفيروناني مرباني تيسائيند في الغريبيين و توانسسد ينظر موسس ـــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ | Are you or your | partner self-employed | l? Yes | No 🔲 |
| اگریپ کو کمس قارم کمیسیدید یا است پر کرفیدین مشکلات بهش آدی بی تو بولی مربانی مربانی تنسانیدگی انتر پریش ترانسدید مروکس سعد دابعه قادم کمین باد کرف کالی اید کرسنش ، ۱۹۵ داریکش شریت سیسشش - افذر الائن | _ | reference number (if ount number (if you k | , | |
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| তথ্য দেওয়ার কাগজ বা ফর্ম | Yes | | No | |
| কিছু তথ্য জানার জন্য এই কাগজটিতে ইংরাজীতে কিছু প্রশু করা হয়েছে। এপুলি বুঝতে জাগনার ঘদি কোনও রক্তম অসুনিধা হয় তাহলে নীচের চিকানায় যোগাযোগ | If yes , we may b | e able to award a Sir | ngle Person Discoun | t. |
| করুল। টি এম বি সি,ইন্টারপ্রেটার ট্রান্সদেটার সার্ডিস, ৫৬, ওয়ারিংটন স্ট্রীট, অ্যাশটন আন্ডার বাইন। টেলিফোন ঃ | Do not delay! asking for, ser | noney if you do no If you do not have nd the application | all the information along the form to us now a | on we are |
| If you have any information on suspected Housing or Council Tax Benefit fraud ring: | | ormation within 28 you give will be tr | | test |
| Fraud Hotline (0800 9178179) | Return your a | pplication form to: | | |
| Information will be treated in strict confidence. | (ENTER RETU | JRN ADDRESS HE | RE) | |
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Alternatively you can hand it in at your local Customer Service Centre where help in completing the form is available if required.

Please note

You must let us know immediately if your circumstances change, or if those of any other member of your household change while you are getting benefit. This is in addition to any change in circumstances that you report to the Benefits Agency. There are guidance notes at the back of the form.

- **These changes might include:** Change in type or amount of income for you, your partner or anyone else living with you. If you move house.

 - If someone leaves or comes to live with you.
 - If you have a child that leaves school.
 - If you stop getting child benefit for someone.
 - If you stop getting Income Support/Job Seekers Allowance.
 - If your rent is increased or reduced.
 - If you or your partner are in hospital for 6 weeks or more.

YOU MUST NOTIFY THE BENEFITS OFFICE WITHIN ONE CALENDAR MONTH OF THE CHANGE OCCURRING.

About yourself and your partner (See guidance notes at the back of this form)

Proof: You must provide at least two forms of identification for both yourself and your partner.

These may be: ● a valid driving licence ● birth certificate ● national insurance card ● medical card

- ◆ benefit payment book
 ◆ marriage certificate
 ◆ divorce papers
 ◆ identity card
 ◆ credit card
- UK residence permit
 Home Office standard acknowledgement letter (SAL 1 or 2)
- life assurance or insurance policies
 your latest utility bill
 current wage slips
- recent bank statements a letter from your solicitor, social worker, probation officer or the Inland Revenue.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUPPLIED - PHOTOCOPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

If this information has already been provided to us, you do not need to supply it again.

Do not delay sending us this form or you will lose your benefit.

A partner is someone you live with as a couple, whether or not you are married. If you share with another adult who is not your partner, write his or her details in section 10.

| | Į | Yo | u | | 1 | Your | partner | |
|---|----------|-------|--------|---------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Title | Mr ¤ | Mrs ¤ | Miss ¤ | Ms ¤ | Mr ¤ | Mrs ¤ | Miss ¤ | Ms ¤ |
| | Other | | | | Other | | | |
| Surname | | | | | | | | |
| First names | | | | | | | | |
| Maiden name (where applicable) | | | | | | | | |
| Date of birth | | / | / | | | / | / | |
| National Insurance number. Please supply proof | | | | | | | | |
| Are you a student? | Y | es ¤ | | No ¤ | \ | es ¤ | | No ¤ |
| If yes , are you part-time or full-time? | Part tir | ne ¤ | Full t | ime ¤ | Part ti | me ¤ | Full t | ime ¤ |
| Please state your ethnic origin (Please refer to guidance notes) | | | | | | | | |
| Are you a joint tenant/owner with someone other than your partner? | Y | es ¤ | | No ¤ | | N/A | | |
| If yes, please give us their names | | | | | | | | |
| Do they live in the property with you? | Y | es ¤ | | No ¤ | | N/A | | |
| What was your previous address? | | | | | | | | |
| Did you own or rent your last home? | Own ¤ | Rent | ¤ Ne | ither ¤ | Own x | a Rer | nt ¤ Neit | her ¤ |
| What date did you move? | | / | / | | | / | / | |
| Please state the last day you were liable to pay rent at your previous address (if applicable) | | / | / | | | / | / | |
| Were you in receipt of benefit from us at your last address? | Y | 'es ¤ | | No ¤ | , | Yes ¤ | | No ¤ |
| Did you qualify for an extended payment immediately prior to you moving out of your last address? | Y | es ¤ | | No ¤ | , | es ¤ | | No ¤ |

| | You | | Your par | tner |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Have you come to live in the UK in the last two years? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If no, go to Section 3 | | | | |
| If yes, what is your nationality? | | | | |
| What date did you enter the United Kingdom? | | | | |
| We may contact the Home Office to check the infe | ormation you have gi | ven on this form a | nd to get further releva | ant information. |
| Have you come to live in the UK under a sponsorship undertaking? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes, please give the following details: | | | | |
| Sponsor's surname: | | | | |
| Other names: | | | | |
| Address: | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Home Office reference number: | | | | |
| Date of sponsorship: | / | / | / | / |

About any disabilities or long term illness (See guidance notes at the back of this form)

| Please tick all the boxes that apply to you or your partner | You | ı | Your pa | rtner |
|--|-------|------|---------|-------------|
| Are you registered as blind? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If no , have you been registered as blind in the last 28 weeks? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes, what date did your sight resume? | / | / | / | / |
| Are you in hospital at the moment? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes , please give the date you went into hospital | / | / | / | / |
| Are you in receipt of any disability benefits? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes , please continue If no , go to section 4. | | | | |
| Do you get Attendance Allowance? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Do you get Disability Living Allowance Care Component? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Do you get Disability Living Allowance Mobility Component? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Do you get the long-term rate Incapacity Benefit? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Do you get Severe Disablement Allowance? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Does anyone get Carer's Allowance for looking after you? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes, please state their name and address | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Are you unable to work because of illness or disability? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes , please give the date you became unfit for work | / | / | / | / |

Hospital patients: If you (or your partner) have been in hospital for more than six weeks, we need to know. The level of benefit we pay may reduce after six weeks. If you receive other state benefits or pensions these may also reduce. We will need to see evidence if this happens so that we can make sure that we are paying you the correct amount of benefit.

About your income (not earnings or savings) (See guidance notes at the back of this form)

Remember: You must let us know immediately if your circumstances change, or if those of any other member of your household change while you are getting benefit. If the amount of income you receive increases, you must tell us straight away.

Do not delay sending this form or you will lose your benefit.

Are you or your partner in receipt of Income Support? Yes x No x

Are you or your partner in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)? Yes x No x

If yes to any of the above, please go to section 9.

If no, please continue.

If you and your partner get any of the following, please fill in the boxes to show how much you both get and how often (weekly, monthly, every four weeks).

IF ANY STATE BENEFITS HAVE BEEN REDUCED BECAUSE YOU OR YOUR PARTNER ARE REPAYING A SOCIAL FUND LOAN, OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON, YOU MUST GIVE THE AMOUNT <u>BEFORE</u> THE DEDUCTION IS MADE

| | | You | | Your ı | oartner |
|---|-------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | | £ : p | How often | £ : p | How often |
| PENSIONS | | | | | |
| State Retirement Pension | SRP | : | | : | |
| Private Pension/s (amount after tax). Please give details of each one received and the date each one is due to increase | OP | : | | : | |
| Widow's / Widower's Pension Allowance, Widowed Mother's Allowance Widowed Parent's Allowance Widow's / Widower's Bereavement Allowance | WP WMA WPA WBA | : | | : | |
| Special War Widow's Pension (pre-1973) | AWWP | · : | | : | |
| War Widow's or Dependant's Pension | WWP | : | | : | |
| War Disablement Pension (breakdown required - please supply award notice) | WDP | : | | : | |
| BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES | | | | | 1 |
| Contribution-Based Jobseeker's Allowance | JSA(C) | : | | : | |
| Employment Training Allowance | | : | | : | |
| Child Benefit | | : | | : | |
| Child Benefit (lone-parent rate) | | : | | : | |
| Working Tax Credit | WTC | : | | : | |
| Child Tax Credit | CTC | : | | : | |
| Incapacity Benefit | IB | : | | : | |
| Attendance Allowance | AA | : | | : | |
| Disability Living Allowance: | | | | | |
| Mobility Component higher lower lower | DLA | : | | : | |
| Care Component higher imiddle in lower | | : | | : | |
| Carer's Allowance | ICA | : | | : | |
| Severe Disablement Allowance | SDA | : | | : | |
| Industrial Injuries Benefit | IIB | : | | : | |
| Industrial Death Benefit | IDB | : | | : | |
| Adoption / Custodian Allowance | ACA | : | | : | |

OTHER INCOME

| | | | You | | Your p | partner |
|---|---|-------------|---------|---------------------------------|---|-----------|
| | | | £:p | How often | £:p | How often |
| Youth Training Scheme p | ayment | GTS | : | | : | |
| Maintenance payments y | ou receive | MR/ MAIN | : | | : | |
| Student Grant - please su notificatio | | SIG | : | | : | |
| Student Loan | | SL | • | | : | |
| Access Fund payments | | AF | : | | : | |
| Payments from boarders | - a boarder is someone for whom you provide meals and accommodation to whom you are not related. | IFB | : | | : | |
| Rent from sub-tenants - | a sub-tenant is someone who rents accommodation from you but to whom you do not provide meals. | STR STRH | : | | : | |
| Is heating included in their rent? | Yes a No a | | | | | |
| Rent from other propertie | s you let. | RIP | • | | : | |
| Please state the address | of the property | | | | | |
| Payments from charities | | VP | : | | : | |
| Councillors Attendance A | lowance | AAC | : | | : | |
| Please give details of any eg Reduced Earnings Allo | | | : | | : | |
| Are you or your partner waiting to hear about any pension, benefit, allowance or other income listed in this section? | | | | Yes ¤ if yes, please giv | No ¤ | ı |
| Name of benefit or other | income: | | | | | |
| Who is claiming this? | | | | | | |
| Date it was applied for: | | | | | | |
| 5 Where do | vou work ond | wh | ot do v | ou ooko? | | |

Where do you work and what do you earn? (See guidance notes at the back of this form)

Proof: We need proof of your and your partner's earnings for **ALL JOBS**. Please send your last five pay slips if you are paid weekly, or your last two payslips if you are paid monthly. If these payslips are not available, please have the attached certificate of earnings completed by your employer. If you can't send in an earnings certificate or payslips yet **DO NOT DELAY SENDING THIS FORM OR YOU WILL LOSE BENEFIT**, send in the proof of earnings as soon as possible.

| If you start or stop work after you fill in this form, you must let us know at once. You should also tell us if there is a change in the number of hours you work or the amount of money you earn. | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Do you or your partner have any paid work? | Yes 🔲 | No 🔲 | | | | | |

If yes, please continue

If no, please go to section 6

Fill in this table if you are employed by someone else. If you are self-employed please fill in section 6.

| | Yo | ou | Your p | artner |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| How many jobs do you have? | | | | |
| Name and address of your main employer | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Place of work if different from above | | | | |
| Date you started this job | / | | 1 | / |
| Your job title | 7 | | / | , |
| Your payroll number | | | | |
| Number of hours you work each week | | | | |
| If the employment is on a casual or | | | | |
| fixed-term basis, what date will it end? | / | / | 1 | / |
| How often are you paid? | weekly ¤ 4 weekly ¤ | fortnightly ¤ monthly ¤ | weekly ¤ 4 weekly ¤ | fortnightly ¤ monthly ¤ |
| Is your wage paid into your bank account? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Bonus, commission or tips not included in your pay | Amount : | How Often | Amount : | How Often |
| What date do you expect to receive your annual pay increase? | / | / | / | / |
| If you are getting Statutory Sick Pay, what date did it start? | / | / | / | / |
| If you are getting Statutory Maternity Pay, what date does it end? | / | / | / | / |
| Are you or your partner employed as a part-time fireman or as a member of the territorial army reserve forces, coastguard or lifeboat service? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Do you authorise the Local Authority to contact your employer/s in the event of an enquiry regarding your pay? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Do you or your partner do any other paid work? If yes , please continue If no , please go to section 6 | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Name and address of your other employer | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Place of work if different from above | | | | |
| Date you started this job | / | / | / | / |
| Your job title | | | | |
| Your payroll number | | | | |
| Number of hours you work each week | | | | |
| If the employment is on a casual or fixed-term basis, what date will it end? | 1 | / | / | / |
| How often are you paid? | weekly ¤ 4 weekly ¤ | fortnightly ¤ monthly ¤ | weekly ¤ 4 weekly ¤ | fortnightly ¤ monthly ¤ |
| Is your wage paid into your bank account? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Bonus, commission or tips not included in your pay | Amount : | How Often | Amount : | How Often |
| What date do you expect to receive your annual pay increase? | / | / | / | / |
| If you have more than two jobs please give details on | a separate sh | eet of paper | | |

Self Employed (See guidance notes at the back of this form)
Please supply your latest audited accounts or books showing income and months. Further information may be requested if necessary.

| | You | | Your pa | artner |
|--|--|-------------|---|--------|
| Are you or your partner self-employed? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If no , go to section 7 | | | | |
| If yes , what is the nature of your business? | | | | |
| What is your business address? | | | | |
| Do you use part of your home for business purposes? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Please state the name you are trading under | | | | |
| What date did you commence trading? | / | 1 | / | / |
| Do you or your partner receive enterprise allowance? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes , how much do you receive? | : | | : | |
| What date did you start to receive it? | / | / | / | / |
| Is your business registered for V.A.T.? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes , please quote your V.A.T. registration number. | | | | |
| Do you or your partner receive a regular wage from the business? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes , please state how much | £ : | | £ | : |
| How often do you receive this wage? | weekly fortnightly 4 weekly monthly | ¤ ¤ ¤ | weekly fortnightl 4 weekly monthly | |
| Please state what business assets eg machinery etc, were available to you at the time you set up your business | | | | |
| Is your business a partnership? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes , what percentage of the total profit/loss is yours? | % | | % |) |
| Is this your only job? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |



About your savings and investments

(See guidance notes at the back of this form)

Please answer all the questions. You must provide proof of all capital, stocks & shares etc. that you hold. Details of the evidence you must supply is outlined in the guidance notes at the back of this form.

You can have up to £16,000 savings and investments and still be entitled to Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit. You must declare all your savings, investments and details of all accounts even if they are overdrawn. If you have no savings write none.

| | You | | You | r partne | er |
|---|--|----------------|---|--------------|-----------|
| | Please give the name of the bank or building society or 'post office' or 'giro account'. | Amount | Please give the name of the bank or building society or post office' or 'giro account'. | | ount |
| Current accounts | 1 | £ : | | £ | : |
| | 2 | £ : | | £ | : |
| | 3 | £ : | | £ | : |
| | 4 | £ : | | £ | : |
| | 5 | £ : | | £ | : |
| When is your next state | ement due? | | • | • | |
| Deposit/Savings | 1 | £ : | | £ | : |
| accounts | 2 | £ : | | £ | : |
| | 3 | £ : | | £ | : |
| | 4 | £ : | | £ | : |
| | 5 | £ : | | £ | : |
| When is your next state | ement due? | | | | |
| TESSAs, TOISAs, | 1 | £ : | | £ | : |
| PEPs or ISAs | 2 | £ : | | £ | : |
| | 3 | £ : | | £ | : |
| | 4 | £ : | | £ | : |
| | 5 | £ : | | £ | : |
| When is your next state | ement due? | | | 1 | |
| of your savings please | ave received back payments of a give details: Name of Benefit | Social Securit | y Benefit in the last year and tha | t mone | y is part |
| | the amount | £ : | £ | 2 | : |
| | date received | / / | 1 | / | / |
| Does anyone owe you | or your partner money? Y | es a No a | , | /es ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes, how much? | £ | : | £ | 3 | : |
| Have you or your partricompensation payment | | es ¤ No ¤ | , | ⁄es ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes, how much? | £ | ÷ | £ | 3 | : |
| Please state what it wa | s in respect of | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

| | You | | | Your partner | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------|--|--|
| | Issue number or type (say if they are index linked) or the name of the company and date purchased. Continue or a separate sheet if necessary | How many | Issue number or they are index lin name of the com date purchased. a separate sheet | ked) or the pany and Continue on | How many | | |
| National Savings | 1 | | | | | | |
| Certificates | 2 | | | | | | |
| | 3 | | | | | | |
| National Savings | 1 | | | | | | |
| Bonds | 2 | | | | | | |
| | 3 | | | | | | |
| Income Bonds | 1 | | | | | | |
| | 2 | | | | | | |
| | 3 | | | | | | |
| Unit Trusts | 1 | | | | | | |
| | 2 | | | | | | |
| | 3 | | | | | | |
| Stocks and Shares | 1 | | | | | | |
| | 2 | | | | | | |
| | 3 | | | | | | |
| Premium Bonds | | £ : | total value | | | | |
| Trust Fund | | £ : | total value | £ | | | |
| Savings in cash | | £ : | total value | £ | | | |
| - Cavings in cash | total value | | You | | partner | | |
| Do you have any other | r investments? | Yes p | | Yes p | No ¤ | | |
| If yes , please give detail | | 103.5 | 110 0 | 103 12 | | | |
| ii yes , piease give det | alis. | | | | | | |
| | do you or your partner own or property or land in this country | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | | |
| If yes , What is the a | ddress? | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| What is the current ma | arket value? | £ | : | £ | : | | |
| How much is the outst | anding mortgage? | £ | : | £ | : | | |
| How much are the mo | nthly mortgage payments? | £ | : | £ | : | | |
| Is the property up for s | sale? | Yes p | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | | |
| If yes , what date was i | it put on the open market? | <u> </u> | / / | / | / | | |
| Please give the name, | address and | | | | | | |
| telephone number of the | he estate agent | | | | | | |
| Do you or your partner | have an elderly or disabled rela | tive living in thi | is property? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | | |
| If yes , how old are the | • | | | | | | |
| | ature of their disability if applicab | le? | | | | | |
| which disabiliting if applicable? | ty benefits are they receiving | | | | | | |
| | se state 'none') | | | | | | |
| Do you or your partner | have an ex-partner who is living | in this propert | ty? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | | |
| If yes , how old are the | • | | | | | | |
| • | any children of yours living with | them? | | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | | |
| If yes , please give the | neir names, | | | | | | |
| dates of birth | | | | | | | |
| and current a | ges | | | | | | |

Money you pay out (See guidance notes at the back of this form)

We only take account of the following three outgoings when we assess your entitlement to benefit. Proof of these must be supplied. If any of these amounts change, you must notify us immediately.

| You | Your partner |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| Yes ¤ No ¤ | Yes ¤ No ¤ |
| £ : | £ : |
| | |
| | |
| Yes ¤ No ¤ | Yes ¤ No ¤ |
| | £ : |
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About any children who live with you who you receive Child Benefit for. (See guidance notes at the back of this form)

YOU MUST LET US KNOW WHEN THE CHILD BENEFIT STOPS.

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| Surname | | | | | | | | | | |
| First names | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Relationship to you | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date of birth | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Do you receive Child Benefit for them? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Do you receive Disability Living Allowance for them? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Are they registered blind? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If they are over 15, give the date you think they will leave school | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| How much do they have in savings? | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : |
| Are they earning? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Do they receive income from any other source? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |

About other people who live in your home (See guidance notes at the back of this form)

Apart from you, your partner, any children you receive Child Benefit for and any sub-tenants, boarders or lodgers does anyone else live in your home?

Yes No No

If no, go to section 11

If **yes**, please tell us about everyone in your home who has not been mentioned before on this form, including other children, relatives, friends and anyone else who lives with you. You do not need to include other tenants in the property who are not members of your household.

You need to supply a recent wage slip for each person in employment. We need this proof because we will assume that the other adults living in your home are making a contribution to your household expenses.

IF YOU DO NOT SEND US THIS PROOF, WE WILL DEDUCT A HIGHER AMOUNT FROM YOUR BENEFIT.

Remember: You must let us know immediately if your circumstances change, or if those of any other member of your household change while you are getting benefit.

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| Surname | • | | | | • | | | |
| First names | | | | | | | | |
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| Relationship to you | | | | | | | | |
| Date of birth | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| National Insurance Number | | | | | | | | |
| What date did they move in? | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Do they work 16 hours a week or more? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| What is their gross income (before tax and deductions)? | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : |
| What other income do they receive eg. State Retirement Pension, Working Families Tax Credit etc? | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : |
| What savings do they have? | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : |
| What interest from savings and dividends from shares do they receive? | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : |
| Do they receive Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Do they own their own property? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes , do they receive rental income from the property? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes , how much and how often? e.g. weekly, monthly | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : | £ | : |
| Please state the address of the property they own | | | | | | | | |
| Do they provide care in your home for you, your partner or your child for more than 35 hours a week? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Are they in hospital or prison? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If yes , what date did they go into hospital or into custody? | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| What date are they expected to return to the property? | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Are they students? (This includes student nurses, youth training trainees and apprentices). | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Are they severely mentally impaired? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| Do you get Child Benefit for them? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Yes ¤ | No ¤ |
| If any of these people are married or living together as a couple, please say | | | | is the part | tner of | | | |
| who is the partner of who? | | | | is the par | tner of | | | |

11 About sub-tenants, boarders and lodgers

| (See guidance notes at the back | of this form) | | _ | _ |
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| Is there anyone else living with you who yo | u have NOT mentio | ned on this form? | Yes | No 🔔 |
| If no , please go to section 12 | | | | |
| If yes , please give their details below. | | | | |
| | 1st person | 2nd person | 3rd person | 4th person |
| Surname | | | | |
| Other names | | | | |
| Date of birth | / / | / / | / / | / / |
| Date they moved in | 1 1 | 1 1 | / / | / / |
| You should already have provided details or | f any rent you recei | ve in section 4. | | |
| 12 Details about your | tenancy (s | ee quidance note | s at the hack of t | his form) |
| YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE THIS | S SECTION IF YOU | ARE AN OWNER- | OCCUPIER. | 1113 101111) |
| We need to see proof of your rent/tenancy details | s eg. tenancy agreeme | ent, rent book, or a let | ter from your landlord | l or managing agent. |
| Landlord's surname | | | | |
| Landlord's first name | | | | |
| Landlord's address | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Please indicate if this is:- a | business address | m or a | residential address | ¤ |
| Landlord's phone number | | | | |
| Are you or your partner related to your landlord or landlady (or his or her partner)? |) | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | |
| If yes , what is the relationship? | | | | |
| Is your landlord/landlady the parent of any of your children? | | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | |
| If yes, please give details | | | | |
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| Does your landlord own the property you re | ent? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | |
| If no , what is the owner's name and addre | ss? | | | |
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| Have you or your partner ever owned this | oroperty? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | |
| If yes , please give details | | | | |
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| PLEASE NOTE: If the person you pay re | nt to is not the ow | ner of the propert | v. vou must suppl | v a letter or |
| agreement which authorises them to ac | | | 5 , 5 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 | |
| What date did your tenancy start? | | | / / | |
| What date did you move into the property? | | | / / | |
| How long is your tenancy (if known)? | | | | |
| What date is your tenancy due to finish (if | known)? | | / / | |
| What is the full rent you are charged? | | | £ : | |
| How often is this due? Every We please tick as appropriate | eek ¤ Every Mo | nth ¤ Every 4 w | eeks ¤ Other ¤ | Please specify |
| Did you get a pre-tenancy determination? | | Yes ¤ | No ¤ | Don't Know |

Yes ¤

Don't Know ¤

No ¤

Has your rent been registered with the rent officer?

| Are meals included in your rent? | | | Yes | S p | N |) ¤ | | |
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| If yes, which ones? | | Bre | eakfast | t ¤ | Luncl | 1 ¤ | Evening N | /leal ¤ |
| Does your rent include any general counselling which you must pay as a condition of occupying | | | |) | Ye | S ¤ | | No ¤ |
| If yes , please give details general care and s | support £ | : 🗆 | alarms | eg. mobile w | arden servi | ce£: | □cleanin | g£: |
| Are any of the following included in your rent? | Please | Tick | | | | | | |
| | Yes | | | No | Don't | Know | If yohow m | |
| Council Tax | | | | | | | | |
| Water Rates | | | | | | | | |
| Heating | | | | | | | | |
| Lighting | | | | | | | | |
| Fuel for cooking | | | | | | | | |
| Cleaning of your room/home | | | | | | | | |
| Window cleaning | | | | | | | | |
| Laundry | | | | | | | | |
| Cleaning, lighting of common areas eg. stairs, entrance etc. | | | | | | | | |
| Any other service? | | | | | | | | |
| Please give details. | | | | | | | | |
| What type of property do you rent? Semi-deta | ached Ho | use ¤ | De | tached Hou | se ¤ | Terraced | House ¤ | |
| Bungalow Purpose Built or Converted F | lat ¤ | Rooms | s ¤ | Other eg. | Caravan, | Houseboa | at, etc. ¤ | |
| How many floors (including basement) are the | | whole b | uilding | | <u></u> | | | |
| One ma Two ma Three ma Morem | | state h | · | | | | | |
| Which floor is your home on? All Floors ¤ | Basem | nent ¤ | Gro | ound Floor p | □ Firs | t Floor ¤ | | |
| Second Floor Other (please state) | | | | | | | | |
| Living | | Bed s | _ | Kitchens | Bath rooms | Toilet rooms | Other | Total |
| How many rooms are there in the whole building? | | | | | | | | |
| How may rooms are used just by you and your household? | | | | | | | | |
| How many rooms do you share with other people who are not in your household? | | | | | | | | |
| Does your home have central heating? | es ¤ | No ¤ | | - | | | | |
| Do you have a garage Yes¤ No¤ | If yes , d | o you p | ay sep | arate rent fo | or the gara | ige? Y | es ¤ | No ¤ |
| Is your home furnished by your landlord? | Yes ¤ | No ¤ or is th | | es , is it? for formal for for formal for for formal formal for formal formal for forma | ully furnish ture ¤ | ned ¤ p | artly furnis | shed ¤ |
| Who is responsible for decorating the inside of | your hon | ne? Y | ou ¤ | You | ur landlord | I¤ D | on't know | ¤ |
| Do you share the property with anybody who | is not me | ntioned | on this | s claim form | ? Ye | S ¤ | | No ¤ |
| If yes , please give details | | | | | | | | |
| Do you authorise the Local Authority to contact landlord in the event of an enquiry regarding y | | | Yes | 3 ¤ | No | 0 ¤ | | |
| Do you authorise the Local Authority to advise progress of your claim if he/she asks? (Refer t | | | | | No | 0 ¤ | | |
| Do you wish your Housing Benefit to be pa | id directl | y to yo | ur lan | dlord? | Ye | S ¤ | | No ¤ |
| Please complete Section 17 to authorise pa | yment di | rect to | your I | andlord if r | equired. | | | |
| Please complete Section 17A if you wish paguidance notes at the back of the form. | ayment to | be ma | de by | BACS. For | further in | nformatio | n, please | see |

| 13 Backdating and other inform | ation (See guidance notes at the back of this form) |
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| Is there anything else you want to tell us which may affect your claim? | your claim? For example, are you asking us to backdate |
| | s at the Council Offices. In some circumstances however, we must be a good reason why you did not claim sooner. |
| If you think we should backdate your benefit, please tick the information as possible. Include the date you would like if necessary) | and write your reasons below giving as much your claim to start.(Continue on a separate sheet of paper |
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| Proof you are sending us (Have you got all the proof you need to give us? | See guidance notes at the back of this form) |
| If you do not have all the proof we have asked for, still Send us the proof you have now, make a note of what possible. The maximum time we will allow is 28 days. | send this claim form to us immediately. else you need to get and let us have this as soon as |
| Please list all the proof you are sending us now | Please list the proof you will be sending us later |
| | |
| If there are any documents etc that need returning to you, do you wa If no , please state alternative address | |
| my benefit, I may be prosecuted. | nefit or both. and complete. Is to check the information on this form. Are any changes in my family or financial circumstances. In have given with other sections within the Council, Rent In incomplete or fail to report any changes which might affect In ent of Housing/Council Tax Benefit that occurs, either to the In may be used in respect of a claim for a Discretionary Indicate the section of the prevention and detection of fraud. It |
| Your Signature Date: | Your Partner's Signature Date: |
| If someone else has filled in this form for you | |
| This section must be filled in if someone else has filled in this of friend. | claim form for you. This includes any agent, appointee, relative or |
| Name of the person who filled in the form | |
| | Their signature: |
| I confirm that the above person has asked me about all the inf form to my satisfaction. | formation contained within this form and has fully completed the |
| Your Signature | Your Partner's Signature |
| Date: | Date: |

(Remember that we cannot pay you any benefit if you do not send us all the proof we have asked for.)

16a Employer's Certificate of Gross Earnings Private and Confidential

(See guidance notes at the back of this form)

NOTE TO EMPLOYEE - PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TOGETHER WITH YOUR OCCUPATION AND WORKS NUMBER BEFORE HANDING TO YOUR EMPLOYER. WHEN THE FORM IS COMPLETED RETURN IT TO THE HOUSING BENEFITS SECTION.

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Guidance Notes

General Notes WHEN TO CLAIM

You should make a claim as soon as you feel that you need help. Never delay in claiming. If you do not have all the proof or information that we need, return your form straight away and provide any other information or proof as soon as possible. We will allow a maximum of 28 days for this information to be provided. If this is not possible, you must let us know why.

You may lose benefit if you do not send back the application form immediately. You may also lose benefit if you do not provide all the proof we need within 28 days.

We will deal with each case individually. We will let you know our decision and tell you what to do if you disagree with it.

HOUSING BENEFIT

If you pay rent to a private landlord or Housing Association, you may be able to get Housing Benefit. You cannot get Housing Benefit if you own your own home.

If you want to claim Housing Benefit please fill in this application form.

COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

If you pay the Council Tax bill you may be able to get Council Tax Benefit if:

- You (and your partner) are on a low income, Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance
- * You are responsible for paying the Council Tax but you share your home with other adults (none of these adults can be your partner or a tenant or lodger) who are on low incomes. In this case you may be entitled to Second Adult Rebate, regardless of your own income.

If you want to claim Council Tax Benefit please fill in this application form.

We will work out which type of benefit gives you the best deal!

HOW TO CONTACT THE BENEFITS SECTION DIRECT

Please contact us on: (ENTER TELEPHONE NUMBER HERE)

SECTION ONE

You must notify the authority immediately in writing of any change in your circumstances or if those of any other member of your household change whilst you are getting benefit. This is in addition to any change in circumstances that you report to the Benefits Agency.

You must tell us of the date when any changes happen - failure to do so may result in your benefit being stopped.

These changes may include -

- Changes in income or savings
- People moving into or out of your home
- Someone going into hospital or prison
- * Someone becoming a student or a child leaving school
- * If you stop getting Income Support/Jobseekers Allowance
- * If your rent is increased or reduced
- * If you move house.

YOU MUST NOTIFY THE BENEFITS OFFICE WITHIN ONE CALENDAR MONTH OF THE CHANGE OCCURRING. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF BENEFIT

MOVING HOUSE

If you are moving, you must tell us straight away. If you have to move at short notice and you still have to pay rent on your old home, we may be able to pay benefit for both properties, for up to 4 weeks. You will need to tell us why you are moving and provide proof of rent that is due on both properties, you must also move into your new home straight away.

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF A CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES WILL AFFECT YOUR BENEFIT, PLEASE ENQUIRE AT CUSTOMER SERVICES OR CONTACT THE BENEFITS OFFICE

YOU MAY BE PROSECUTED IF YOU DELIBERATELY GIVE US FALSE INFORMATION OR IF YOU DO NOT TELL US ABOUT A CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

SECTION TWO

You must supply at least two forms of identification-examples of which are listed at question 2. You must also provide proof of your and your partner's National Insurance Numbers. Original documents must be supplied-photocopies are not acceptable. Failure to supply this information within 28 days may result in your benefit being delayed or even cancelled.

You are not obliged to answer the question relating to your ethnic origin however, the Local Authority would appreciate your co-operation. Please state the category you consider yourself to belong to:

White British White Irish Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi White and Black Caribbean

White and Black African White and Asian Caribbean African Chinese Other

SECTION THREE

If you are in receipt of any disability benefits you must complete this section.

Where possible please supply your award notice/s.

CARER'S ALLOWANCE

If somebody is in receipt of Carer's Allowance for looking after you, you must supply their full name and address.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

If you or your partner have been in hospital for more than 6 weeks we need to know. The level of benefit we pay may reduce after 6 weeks.

SECTION FOUR

If you are in receipt of any state benefits you must complete this section.

Where possible please supply your award notice/s. Do not delay in sending this form or you may lose benefit.

If any state benefits have been reduced because you or your partner are repaying a social fund loan or for any other reason, you must give the amount before a deduction is made.

Please ensure that you clearly state the frequency of the benefits which you receive i.e. weekly, fortnightly, four weekly or calendar monthly.

If you or your partner have applied for any other benefits e.g. Working Families Tax Credit, but have not yet been notified of your entitlement, you still need to send this form to us - you can tell us the outcome of your claim when you know.

STUDENTS

Your award notice detailing grant/loan details must be supplied.

RENT FROM OTHER PROPERTIES

If you own a property other than your own home and let it out, you must supply the address of the property and proof of the amount of income that you receive from it.

SECTION FIVE

Proof of your last 5 weeks/2 months wages are required in order to assess your benefit. If wage slips are not available, your employer must complete the Earnings Certificate (see sections 16A/B of the application form).

If you cannot supply proof of your earnings straight away, please send in your completed form immediately and forward the proof later.

If you start or stop work after you complete this form, you must let us know at once.

You should also tell us if there is a change in the number of hours that you work or the amount of money you earn.

SECTION SIX

Your latest audited accounts/books showing income and expenditure along with your business bank statements for the last 3 months must be supplied.

You may be required to send in further information if necessary.

If you do not have accounts because you are a new business please provide cashflow forecasts or projections if available. If you cannot provide these either supply copies of your books since the start of your business or ask the Benefit Section to send you some income and expenditure sheets to complete.

Remember, do not delay returning your form as this may result in loss of benefit.

SECTION SEVEN

All savings, investments and accounts must be declared even if they are overdrawn. If you have no savings please write 'NONE'.

You must provide proof of all capital held, i.e. current bank or building society statements showing all credits and debits and the balance outstanding for a period of at least 2 months OR a letter from the organisation that holds the capital detailing the type of account, the balance outstanding, any transactions occurring in the last 2 months and the account number OR original documents showing proof of ownership of share certificates, Premium Bonds, statements showing dividends.

If you or your partner have received back payments of a Social Security Benefit in the last year and that money is part of your savings please ensure you give details of this.

SECTION EIGHT

EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS

If you/your partner pay towards the upkeep of a son/daughter in higher education, please supply the amount which you pay and how often it is paid, you must also supply proof of this.

CHILDMINDING FEES

If you pay a registered childminder/day nursery, you must supply -

- * Child's name/s
- * Amount which you pay you must supply proof of this and indicate how much you pay for each child
- * Childminder's name/address and their registration number.

PERSONAL PENSION

If you/your partner pay into a personal pension scheme, please provide the amount which you pay and supply proof of this.

If any of these amounts change, you must notify us immediately.

SECTION NINE

Please supply details of all children who live with you and for whom you receive child benefit.

You must let us know at once when your child benefit stops.

If there is not enough space please continue on a separate sheet.

SECTION TEN

Please give details of anyone who lives with you, apart from your partner, children whom you receive child benefit for, sub-tenants, boarders and lodgers.

You do not need to include other tenants in the property who are not members of your household.

If anyone who lives with you is in employment, you must supply a recent wage slip for each person.

If you do not send us this proof, we will deduct a higher amount from your benefit entitlement.

Remember - you must let us know immediately if your circumstances change or if those of any member of your household change whilst you are claiming benefit.

SINGLE PERSON DISCOUNT

If you are the only adult in the property or you live with someone who is not counted for Council Tax purposes, you may be entitled to a 25% discount. You may get this discount regardless of your income. You can get the discount as well as any benefit you are entitled to. This discount must be taken off your bill before your benefit is worked out. You may need to fill in a different form for this discount. Contact your Council Tax section on 0161 342 8355 if you would like more information. Do not delay sending in your benefit application form whilst you are waiting to hear about single person discount.

SECTION ELEVEN

Please provide details of anyone else living with you who you have not mentioned already on this form.

You should have already provided details of any rent you receive in section four.

SECTION TWELVE

You are not required to complete this section of the form if you are an owner-occupier.

You must supply proof of your rent/tenancy details e.g. tenancy agreement, rent book or a letter from your landlord or managing agent.

If you do not have the documents to hand, send in what you have now and send in the information within 28 days. Delay in sending this form may result in loss of benefit.

If the person you pay rent to is not the owner of the property, you must supply a letter or agreement which authorises them to act on the owners behalf.

You must confirm the date you moved in to the property for which you are making the claim.

Please ensure you answer all questions - failure to do so may result in your claim being delayed.

If you authorise the Local Authority to advise your landlord on the progress of your claim, we will not divulge the amount of weekly income you receive, just the outstanding information required to process your claim e.g. awaiting wage slips, confirmation of Income Support, etc.

SECTION THIRTEEN

Include in this section any information which may affect your claim.

If you would like us to consider backdating your benefit please give details.

Please include as much information as possible and provide the date you would like your claim to start.

SECTION FOURTEEN

Please list all the proof you are sending us now and the proof you will be sending us later.

If you do not have all the proof we have asked for still send this claim form back to us immediately and let us have the other information as soon as possible. The maximum time we will allow is 28 days.

SECTION FIFTEEN

Please ensure the application has been signed and dated by you and your partner (where applicable). Unsigned applications will be returned to you, delaying your claim.

Please note that if you give information that is incorrect or incomplete or fail to report any changes which may affect your benefit you may be prosecuted.

DATA PROTECTION

We will store the information you give us on this form on a computer system registered under the Data Protection Act 1998. We may check the information against other information we hold about you, and use it for other purposes allowed under the Data Protection Act. This may include checking whether you are responsible for the Council Tax at your address. We must protect the public funds we handle, and so we may use the information you have provided on this form to prevent and detect fraud. We may also share this information, for the same purposes, with other organisations that handle public funds.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- We will respect your privacy at all times.
- * We will do our best to assess your benefit accurately and as quickly as possible
- * When you have given us all the information we need we will work out your benefit within 10 working days.
- * When we have worked out your benefit, we will send you a letter to tell you how much benefit you will get. If you do not think this is correct please tell us straight away.

SECTION SIXTEEN A/SIXTEEN B

If you/your partner do not have wage slips available you should have the earnings certificate completed by your employer/s.

Please enter name, address, occupation and work number before handing the certificate to your employer/s.

Do not delay in returning the application form.

If you cannot have the earnings certificate completed straight away send in your completed application form and forward the certificate later.

Your employer must state your National Insurance Number on the earnings certificate. Failure to do so may result in your claim being delayed.

SECTION SEVENTEEN

If you require your rent to be paid direct to your landlord please complete Part A yourself and ask your landlord to complete Part B.

The authorisation must be signed by both yourself and your landlord.

HOW WE WILL PAY YOUR BENEFIT

Council Tax Benefit will be credited to your account and your bill will show this.

Housing Benefit will be paid by cheque. Please ensure you have a bank account for this facility. We will pay your Housing Benefit every 4 weeks. Schedules of when payments are due and the period they cover are available upon request from the Benefits Office on the telephone numbers shown on the first page of these guidance notes.

SECTION SEVENTEEN A

If you require your rent to be paid direct into a bank/building society account, you will need to complete this section. Your benefit can be paid into either your own or your landlord's bank/building society account.

Please write the account/roll numbers as clearly as possible.

HELP AND ADVICE

If you need help to fill in the application form please visit your local Customer Service Centre. If you cannot leave your home we can arrange to visit you in your home to help you fill in the form and to check the proof we need.