

# Claim form for help with your rent and council tax

Name	<b>For office use only</b>	
Address	Date Stamp:	Claim Ref:
		Property Ref:
		Person Ref:
		Date of issue:
Postcode		Initials:

## Points to remember when filling in this form.

- Please answer all the questions. If the question does not apply to you, write 'None' or 'N/A'.
- In most cases if you have capital and savings over £16,000 then you would not be entitled to benefit.
- If you receive or are claiming Universal Credit, your Housing Costs will probably be met through Universal Credit.
- It is an offence to give false information or not to tell the Benefits Service about any change in the circumstances of anyone listed in your claim form.

*Examples of the type of changes you should report are: Change of address; increase or decrease of income; increase or decrease of savings (capital); if anyone on your claim stops getting Income Support, Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related), Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance or Universal Credit; if anyone on your claim starts or stops work or changes jobs; if other people, who live with you have income changes; if you or your partner's Tax Credits or other Social Security Benefits change; if anyone leaves or joins your household; if anyone starts to receive Carer's Allowance for looking after you or your partner. This list is not exhaustive - if in doubt, please tell us anyway.*

- We can only accept original documents as proof. We cannot accept photocopies.
- **Return this form immediately with proof of identity & National Insurance number for you & any partner, even if you do not have all of the other proof we have asked for.**
- **If this form is not returned within one calendar month of the date of issue the start date of your benefit will be affected.**

## Please tell us why you are filling in this form.

- Applying for Single person discount.
- My address has changed.
- I have been asked to, as a review of my circumstances.
- I am making a new claim for help with rent or council tax
- Other, please give details below.

If you need assistance please phone us on 01594 812531 or visit us at High Street, Coleford, Glos, GL16 8HG. We are open from 9.00am to 4.45pm Monday to Thursday and 9.00am to 4.30pm on Friday.



**Forest of Dean**  
— DISTRICT COUNCIL —

# Part 1 Which of the following are you?

Please tick the appropriate box.

Housing association tenant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private tenant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Home owner	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boarder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Living in a hostel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please give details	<input style="width: 400px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

Do you want to apply for Housing Benefit? Yes  No

Do you want to apply for Council Tax Support or Second Adult Reduction? Yes  No

Have you applied for Universal Credit for help with your Housing Costs?  
 If yes, continue to complete this form for help with your Council Tax only.  
 You can check if you should be claiming Universal Credit at [www.gov.uk/universal-credit](http://www.gov.uk/universal-credit) Yes  No

Are you the only person over the age of 18 in the property? Yes  No

# Part 2 About you and your partner

By partner we mean someone you are married to or have a civil partnership with, or somebody you live with as if you were their husband, wife or civil partner.

Do you have a partner that lives with you? Yes  No

If yes, answer all the questions for your partner as well as yourself.

Do you rent your home with a joint tenant, other than your partner? Yes  No

<b>You</b>	<b>Your Partner</b>
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Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, and so on)	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
First Name	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
Surname	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
Any other names that you are or have been known by	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
Are you married, single, divorced, separated, widowed? Please say which.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
Date of birth	<input style="width: 30%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 30%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 30%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
National insurance number	<input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
Tick here if you do not have a National Insurance number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationality	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
Address	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
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	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
Phone number	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>

Mobile number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email Address -	<input type="text"/>	
Date you moved, or will move, into this address	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
What date did your tenancy start?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
If you have moved home in the last 12 months, please tell us your previous address.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date moved out of previous address	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Did you own your previous address?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Did you claim Housing Benefit, Local Housing Allowance or Council Tax Support (Council Tax Benefit) at your previous address	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes:		
Which council did you claim from?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Have you told the council, who paid you benefit, that you have moved?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you registered blind?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please give your registration number.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Are you unable to work because of ill health?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes:		
Date you last worked	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date you expect to return to work	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Are you or your partner currently in hospital?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes:		
Date you went in	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date you expect to come out	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Do you have an invalid vehicle or a car under the Motability Scheme?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is anyone getting Carer's Allowance for looking after you or your partner?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does your carer(s) provide care overnight?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a spare bedroom that your carer(s) use to sleep in overnight?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you or your partner get Carer's Allowance for looking after someone else?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, what is their name?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Are you entitled to Carer's Allowance, but do not receive it?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Part 2 (continued)****You****Your Partner**

Are you or your partner in prison or on remand?

Yes  No

Yes  No

If yes:

What date did you go in?

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Are you a care worker?

Yes  No

Yes  No

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, within the last 5 years?

Yes  No

Yes  No

What is your nationality?

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What date did you come to live in the United Kingdom?

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Has the Home Office given you permission to enter or stay in the United Kingdom?

Yes  No

Yes  No

If yes, give details

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**Part 3 People in your home**

In this part we ask for details of anyone who lives with you and your partner.

Is anyone who lives with you:

A full time student or student nurse?

Yes  No

Permanently in hospital or a nursing home?

Yes  No

In prison, on remand or in a bail hostel?

Yes  No

An apprentice?

Yes  No

A care worker?

Yes  No

On youth training?

Yes  No

Long-term sick or disabled?

Yes  No

Registered blind?

Yes  No

Does anyone who lives with you have a severe learning disability, mental illness or form of dementia?

Yes  No

If yes, give their name/s and the condition

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# Part 4 Children who live with you

In this part we ask for details of children that you or your partner get Child Benefit for.

	<b>You</b>	<b>Your Partner</b>
Do you or your partner have children living with you that you get Child Benefit for?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

If no, go to part 5.

If yes, please answer the question below

How many children live with you?  If you have more than three children, please use the space in part 19

	<b>First Child</b>	<b>Second Child</b>	<b>Third Child</b>
First name	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Surname	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Is the child male or female?	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Child's date of birth	<input style="width: 33%; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 33%; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 33%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 33%; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 33%; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 33%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 33%; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 33%; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 33%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
The child's relationship to you	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
The child's relationship to your partner	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Is the child registered blind?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the child entitled to Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If so, tell us how much.	Care    £	Care    £	Care    £
	Mobility    £	Mobility    £	Mobility    £
Do you pay someone for childcare?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If so, give the childcare provider's			
* Name	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
* Registration number	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
* How much do you pay a week?	£ <input style="width: 90%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	£ <input style="width: 90%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	£ <input style="width: 90%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
* Do childcare costs stay the same in the school holidays?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
* If no, how much are they in the school holidays?	£ <input style="width: 90%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	£ <input style="width: 90%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	£ <input style="width: 90%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
* Do you get childcare vouchers for this child?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
* If so, how much do you get?	£ <input style="width: 90%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	£ <input style="width: 90%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	£ <input style="width: 90%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
* Is this child about to leave school?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
* If so, tell us the date they will leave school.	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

# Part 5 Other people who live with you

In this part we ask for details of anyone else (other than your partner or children listed in part 4) who live with you. This includes grown-up children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, stepchildren, other relatives, friends, lodgers, boarders, subtenants, foster children and students living term time at university/college.

**You**

**Your Partner**

If you do not have any of the above people living with you, tick no and go to part 6.

Yes

No

Yes

No

If there are more than three other adults living with you, tick yes above and use the space in part 19 to tell us about them.

**First person**

**Second person**

**Third person**

First name




Surname




Date of birth




National Insurance number




Their relationship to you




Date they moved in




How much rent to they pay?




Do they get:

\* Income Support?

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

\* Job Seekers Allowance?

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

\* Employment & Support Allowance?

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

\* Universal Credit

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

\* Pension Credit?

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

I agree to you contacting the Department for Work and Pensions about my Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance, Universal Credit or Pension Credit.

Signature of adult living with you




Do they get Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance or Personal Independence Allowance?

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

Are they a full-time student or student nurse?

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

Are they an apprentice or on a Youth training Scheme?

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

Do they work 16 hours or more a week?

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

\* If so, what is their gross weekly wage?

£

£

£

Do they have any other income from work?

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

\* If so, what is their gross weekly other income?

£

£

£

Part 5 (continued)	First person	Second person	Third person
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Do they have any other income at all (including any benefits, allowances, pensions and income from savings)?

Yes  No       Yes  No       Yes  No

* Name of first income	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Amount before deductions	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
* How often they are paid	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Name of second income	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Amount before deductions	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
* How often they are paid	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If there are more than 2 incomes, please use the space on page 19 to tell us about them, including how often they are paid.

## Part 6 Income Support, Job Seeker's Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance, Universal Credit and Pension Credit

If you or your partner are not receiving, or waiting to hear about a claim for Income Support, Job Seeker's Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance, Universal Credit or Pension Credit, please tick the boxes below and go to part 7.

	You	Your Partner
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Tick the boxes in answer to the above question.

Yes  No       Yes  No

If you or your partner are receiving, or waiting to hear about a claim for Income Support, Job Seeker's Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance, Universal Credit or Pension Credit, answer the following questions. Please note your claim may be considered on the information you provide in the remainder of this form. When your application for any of these benefits is decided your award will be revised accordingly.

Are you or your partner **getting** Income Support, Job Seeker's Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance, Universal Credit or Pension Credit at the moment?

Yes  No       Yes  No

\* If yes, which benefit are you receiving?

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Are you or your partner **waiting to hear** about a claim for Income Support, Job Seeker's Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance, Universal Credit or Pension Credit?

Yes  No       Yes  No

\* If yes, which benefit have you applied for?

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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\* What date did you make your application?

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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If you have recently moved, have you told Job Centre Plus or the Department for Work and Pensions?

Yes  No       Yes  No

\* If yes, when did you tell them?

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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# Part 7 Student income

By student, we mean anyone who is on a course of study at an educational establishment, including nurses.

	<b>You</b>		<b>Your Partner</b>
Are you or your partner a student?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
			No <input type="checkbox"/>

If no, tick the box and go to part 8.

If yes, answer the questions below.

Where are you studying?



Is your course full-time?      Yes       No

Is your course full-time?      Yes       No

Do you have a loan, grant or bursary?      Loan  £

Do you have a loan, grant or bursary?      Loan  £

If you do, please give details of the amount you receive each year      Bursary  £

If you do, please give details of the amount you receive each year      Bursary  £

Grant  £

Grant  £

Does your grant include any of the following?

Tuition Fee Loan

Higher Education Grant

Special Support Grant

Disabled Students Allowance

Parents Learning Allowance

Childcare Grant

Does your grant include any of the following?

Tuition Fee Loan

Higher Education Grant

Special Support Grant

Disabled Students Allowance

Parents Learning Allowance

Childcare Grant

If yes, please tell us the total amount you receive for these items.      £

If yes, please tell us the total amount you receive for these items.      £

What is the name of your course?

What is the name of your course?

How many weeks is it for?

How many weeks is it for?

What is the start date of your course?

What is the start date of your course?

What is the end date of your course?

What is the end date of your course?

We may send you another form about this.



## Part 8 Earnings from employment (including Directorships)

	You				Your Partner			
Do you or your partner work? (this includes full-time, part-time, voluntary and agency work)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a director of a company?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If no to both questions above, go to part 9.

If yes, answer the questions below.

How many jobs do you have?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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If you have more than two jobs, please use the space in part 19 to tell us about them.

### Your first / main job

**IF THIS SECTION APPLIES TO YOU AND IS NOT COMPLETED PROCESSING OF YOUR CLAIM WILL BE DELAYED**

Your employer's name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Your employer's address	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Your employer's phone number?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date you get paid	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
When did you start this job?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
How often are you paid? (eg, every week, fortnight, 4 weeks, month)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
How do you get paid? (eg, cash, cheque, direct into your bank)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
When was your last pay rise?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
When is your next pay rise due?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Is your employer also your landlord?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you pay into a private or company pension?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is your job permanent and due to last more than 5 weeks?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you employed as a part-time firefighter, or as a member of the Territorial Army or reserve forces?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you on an Apprenticeship, a Youth Training scheme, a New Deal scheme, a bridging course or a Welfare to Work scheme?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If so, tell us which one	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Are you getting Statutory Sick Pay, Statutory Maternity Pay or Statutory Paternity Pay?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If so, tell us which one.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

How much are you receiving?	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
When did it start	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
How long do you expect to be off work?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Please fill in the table for each job you or your partner have.

We need to see your last: five pay slips (if you are paid every week),  
three pay slips (if you are paid fortnightly), or  
two pay slips (if you are paid every 4 weeks or monthly)

### You

Employer name	<input type="text"/>	Job Title	<input type="text"/>
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	Pay slip 1	Pay slip 2	Pay slip 3	Pay slip 4	Pay slip 5
Date					
Tax code					
Tax week number					
Gross pay to date					
Hours worked					
Gross pay (before deductions)					
Statutory maternity / paternity pay					
Sick pay and so on					
Deductions					
* Tax					
* National Insurance					
* Pension Scheme					
* Other					
Net pay (after deductions)					

### Your partner

Employer name	<input type="text"/>	Job Title	<input type="text"/>
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	Pay slip 1	Pay slip 2	Pay slip 3	Pay slip 4	Pay slip 5
Date					
Tax code					
Tax week number					
Gross pay to date					
Hours worked					
Gross pay (before deductions)					
Statutory maternity / paternity pay					
Sick pay and so on					
Deductions					
* Tax					
* National Insurance					
* Pension Scheme					
* Other					
Net pay (after deductions)					

**Part 8 (continued) Your second job** **You** **Your Partner**

Your employer's name	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Your employer's address	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Your employer's phone number?	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
When did you start this job?	<input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>
How often are you paid? (eg, every week, fortnight, 4 weeks, month)	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
How do you get paid? (eg, cash, cheque, direct into your bank)	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
When was your last pay rise?	<input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 25%;" type="text"/>
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Are you employed as a part-time firefighter, or as a member of the Territorial Army or reserve forces?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you on an Apprenticeship, a Youth Training scheme, a New Deal scheme, a bridging course or a Welfare to Work scheme?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If so, tell us which one	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Are you getting Statutory Sick Pay, Statutory Maternity Pay or Statutory Paternity Pay?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If so, tell us which one.	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
How much are you receiving?	£ <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	£ <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
When did it start	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
How long do you expect to be off work?	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>

## Part 8 (continued) Your second job

Please fill in the table for each job you or your partner have.

We need to see your last: five pay slips (if you are paid every week),  
three pay slips (if you are paid fortnightly), or  
two pay slips (if you are paid every 4 weeks or monthly)

### You

Employer name  Job Title

	Pay slip 1	Pay slip 2	Pay slip 3	Pay slip 4	Pay slip 5
Date					
Tax code					
Tax week number					
Gross pay to date					
Hours worked					
Gross pay (before deductions)					
Statutory maternity / paternity pay					
Sick pay and so on					
Deductions					
* Tax					
* National Insurance					
* Pension Scheme					
* Other					
Net pay (after deductions)					

If any holiday pay is included in the figures above, please tell us the following:

Period from	<input type="text"/>	Period to	<input type="text"/>	Amount	<input type="text"/>
Period from	<input type="text"/>	Period to	<input type="text"/>	Amount	<input type="text"/>
Period from	<input type="text"/>	Period to	<input type="text"/>	Amount	<input type="text"/>

### Your partner

Employer name  Job Title

	Pay slip 1	Pay slip 2	Pay slip 3	Pay slip 4	Pay slip 5
Date					
Tax code					
Tax week number					
Gross pay to date					
Hours worked					
Gross pay (before deductions)					
Statutory maternity / paternity pay					
Sick pay and so on					
Deductions					
* Tax					
* National Insurance					
* Pension Scheme					
* Other					
Net pay (after deductions)					

If any holiday pay is included in the figures above, please tell us the following:

Period from	<input type="text"/>	Period to	<input type="text"/>	Amount	<input type="text"/>
Period from	<input type="text"/>	Period to	<input type="text"/>	Amount	<input type="text"/>
Period from	<input type="text"/>	Period to	<input type="text"/>	Amount	<input type="text"/>

# Part 9 Earnings from self-employment

Are you or your partner self-employed?  
If you are a director, please complete part 8.

You			
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your Partner			
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If no, tick the box and go to part 10.

If yes, answer the questions below.

If you have more than one business, please use the space in part 19 to tell us about them.

What type of business do you run?



What date did the business start?

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How many hours do you usually work?



Do you use your home for business?

Yes  No

Yes  No

Do you have business partners?

Yes  No

Yes  No

If so, tell us their name or names.



Do you pay into a private pension scheme?

Yes  No

Yes  No

Do you pay a self-employed National Insurance stamp?

Yes  No

Yes  No

Do you get a business start-up allowance?

Yes  No

Yes  No

If so, tell us how much you get each week.

£

£

Do you have more than one business?

Yes  No

Yes  No

We may send you another short form to fill in about your self-employment.

# Part 10 Pension income

	You		Your Partner
Do you or your partner receive income from a pension?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

If no, go to part 11.

If yes, tell us which you receive, how much you receive and how often.

	How much?	How often?	How much?	How often?
State Pension	£		£	
Widow's Pension or Allowance	£		£	
Industrial Disablement Pension	£		£	
War Widow's Pension	£		£	
Armed Forces & Reserve Forces Compensation	£		£	
Armed Forces Pension	£		£	
Company Pension	£		£	
* Company name				
* Date of last increase				
Second Company Pension	£		£	
* Company name				
* Date of last increase				
Private Pension	£		£	
* Company name				
* Date of last increase				
Second Private Pension	£		£	
* Company name				
* Date of last increase				

If you need more space, please use part 19.

# Part 11 Other income

## You

## Your Partner

Do you or your partner receive any other income, or have applied for income that you do not receive yet?

Yes  No

Yes  No

If no, go to part 12.

If yes, tell us which you receive, how much you receive and how often.

	How much?	How often?	How much?	How often?
Child Benefit	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Date you first got it	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Have you applied, or are waiting to hear?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Child Tax Credit	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Date you first got it	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Have you applied, or are waiting to hear?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Working Tax Credit	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Date you first got it	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Have you applied, or are waiting to hear?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Armed Forces Independence payment	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Maternity Allowance	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Date you first got it	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Maintenance from ex-partner	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Who is it for?	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
* What is their date of birth?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Child Support Payments	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Widowed Parent's or Mother's Allowance	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Fostering Allowance	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Guardian's Allowance	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Adoption Allowance	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Job Seeker's Allowance (Contribution based)	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Date you first got it	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Part 11 (continued)**

**You**

**Your partner**

	How much?	How often?	How much?	How often?
Training Allowance	£		£	
* Date you first got it				
Employment & Support Allowance	£		£	
* Date you first got it				
Incapacity Benefit	£		£	
* Date you first got it				
Carer's Allowance	£		£	
* Date you first got it				
Attendance Allowance	£		£	
Disability Living Allowance (care part)	£		£	
Disability Living Allowance (mobility part)	£		£	
Personal Independence Payment (Daily Living component)	£		£	
Personal Independence Payment (Mobility component)	£		£	
Bereavement Allowance	£		£	
Industrial Injuries Benefit	£		£	
Industrial Death Benefit	£		£	
Severe Disablement Allowance	£		£	
Payments from a voluntary organization	£		£	
Charity payments	£		£	
Money from trusts	£		£	
Rent from letting a room	£		£	
* Does the rent include meals?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Rent from another property and/or land	£		£	
Home income plans	£		£	
Annuities - Fixed term	£		£	
Annuities - Life	£		£	
Any other income?	£		£	



# Part 12 Bank accounts, cash, savings and investments

Please tell us about any bank accounts, cash, savings and investments including any pay pal accounts that you or your partner have in this country or abroad. Remember to include any empty or overdrawn accounts, cash, bank and building society accounts, post office accounts, Premium Bonds, National Savings Certificates, and stocks and shares.

	You		Your Partner
Do you or your partner have any bank accounts, cash, savings or investments?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

If no, go to part 13.  
If yes, tell us how much below.

**IF THIS SECTION APPLIES TO YOU AND IS NOT COMPLETED PROCESSING OF YOUR CLAIM WILL BE DELAYED**

How many accounts do you and your partner hold?			
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If you need more space to tell us about other accounts, please use Part 19.

				Amount		Amount
Cash savings at home	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£		£	
First Bank account	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£		£	
* Bank name / account number						
Second Bank account	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£		£	
* Bank name / account number						
First Building Society	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£		£	
* Society name / account number						
Second Building Society	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£		£	
* Society name / account number						
First Post Office account	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£		£	
Second Post Office account	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£		£	
Pay Pal account	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£		£	
Premium Bonds	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£		£	
Income Bonds	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£		£	
ISAs or TESSAs	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£		£	
Stocks and shares	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£		£	

* Company name		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Unit trusts	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
Do you pay towards a funeral plan? If yes, tell us about this and supply evidence	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
A pension plan not paid through your employer	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	How much? <input type="text"/> How often? <input type="text"/>
National Savings Certificates	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
* issue number		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Child Trust Funds other than Government Scheme	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
Investments overseas	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
Any other savings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>

## Part 13 Land and property

	You	Your Partner
Do you or your partner own or have a share in other property or land in this country or abroad, or have recently sold any other property or land (even if mortgaged)? If no, go to part 14.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please answer the questions below.		
The market value, less the mortgage value	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
The address of the property / land	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Does an elderly or disabled relative live in the other property?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If you are separated, does your ex-partner and your children live in the other property?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a lease on any property / land?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have a second property, we may send you a separate form about this.



Has your rent changed in the last 12 months? Yes  No

\* If yes, give the date it changed and the new amount.    £

Do you live in this property as part of your job? Yes  No

Does anyone, other than your partner, share the rent with you? Yes  No

Do you have any weeks when you don't have to pay rent? Yes  No

\* If so, how many each year?

Are you behind with your rent? Yes  No

\* If so, by how many weeks?

Are amounts being taken from your Income Support or Job Seeker's Allowance to pay any overdue rent? Yes  No

If you are under the age of 22, have you had a care order, or been in the care of Social Services? Yes  No

Have you spent three months in a homeless hostel or a hostel specialising in resettling within the community? Yes  No

\* If so, please provide details and evidence that you have been offered and accepted support services to enable you to be resettled or rehabilitated.

Are you managed, under active multi-agency management, under the multi-agency public protection arrangements? Yes  No

\* If so, give the name and address of the authority.

Does the rent include any amounts for the following services. Tick yes or no to each question. If you tick a yes box, give the amount of rent that is for that service (if you know)

	Yes	No	Amount	How often?		Yes	No	Amount	How often?
Council Tax	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Buildings Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Heating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Contents Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Hot water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Telephone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	TV, DVD, satellite or cable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Fuel for cooking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	General support and care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Water rates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Alarm system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Laundry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Warden or caretaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Room Cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Personal care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Gardening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Cleaning / lighting shared areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Window Cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Garage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Give details	<input type="text"/>			

## Part 14 (continued)

Are any meals included in your rent?

If so, tell us which are included, and how much.

Yes  No

Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount	£ <input type="text"/>	Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount	£ <input type="text"/>
Evening meal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount	£ <input type="text"/>	Food items	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount	£ <input type="text"/>

Please tick the type of accommodation that you live in.

Detached house	<input type="checkbox"/>	Semi-detached house	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terraced house	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detached bungalow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Semi-detached bungalow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terraced bungalow	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flat in a house	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flat in a block	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flat over a shop or shops	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maisonette	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hostel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hotel or guest house	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caravan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ground rent only	<input type="checkbox"/>
Care house	<input type="checkbox"/>	Room or rooms	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other (please give details)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>			

If you rent a room, where in the building is it?

Front  Centre  Back  Other (Say where)

If you rent a room, what is your room number?  How many floors are in the whole building?

If you rent a room, where in the building is it?

All floors	<input type="checkbox"/>	Basement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ground floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	First floor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Second floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Third floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fourth floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fifth floor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (say where)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>					

Does your home have central heating? Yes  No

Is your home furnished by your landlord? Yes  No

\* If so, is it: Fully furnished?  Partly furnished?  Barely furnished?

Who is responsible for decorating the inside of your home?  
 You  Your landlord  Don't know

Tick the relevant boxes to show which of the following bills you receive for your home?  
 Gas Bill  Electricity Bill  Water bill

## Part 15 Details of accommodation

Fill in the table below to tell us how many rooms there are in the building you live in, and who uses them.

	Total number in whole building	Number used only by you and your family	Number you share with other households
Living rooms			
Bedrooms			
Bedsits			
Kitchens			
Bathrooms			
Separate Toilet			
Other rooms			
Total number of rooms			

Do you need an extra room for a carer that you are not related to, who normally does not live with you? Yes  No

## Part 16 How you will be paid

### Help with your council tax

If you are entitled to help with your council tax, we will take your Council Tax Support off your council tax, and send you a new bill.

### Help with your rent

We will pay your benefit direct to your bank or building society account.

Please give your account details below and enclose evidence of this account. If you do not have a bank account or are overdrawn, please contact the benefit helpline for more advice.

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#### Bank Details

Name of bank or building society

Address of bank or building society

Name of account holder

Bank sort code

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Account number

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Roll number  
(building society accounts only)

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#### Private tenants

If you rent your home from a private landlord, we will normally pay your benefit direct to you. However, we will consider paying your landlord direct if you cannot manage your finances or if you feel you are unlikely to use your housing benefit to pay your rent.

If you want us to pay your landlord direct, you will have to fill in a separate form and provide evidence to support your application (such as a letter from a doctor, social worker or support worker). If you need more advice about this please contact us.

If you would like us to consider paying your landlord, please tick this box.

Please provide your landlords bank account details in the box above.

#### Housing association tenants

If you rent your property from a housing association, you can opt to have your benefit paid directly to them.

If you want us to pay your housing association, tick this box.

## Part 17 Sharing information with your landlord

If you are a tenant of a registered social landlord we may share information with your landlord so that we can identify whether or not you are under-occupying your home.

Sometimes sharing information with your landlord helps us to deal with your claim quickly and reduces the risk of you falling behind with your rent if your claim is being delayed.

By giving permission, we will be able to tell your landlord:

- whether or not you have a claim or renewed your claim for Housing Benefit
- whether we have made a decision on your claim, and
- if we need more information to make a decision on your claim, and, if so, what this information is.

We will not give your landlord any information about:

- your personal or household circumstances; or
- your financial circumstances.

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

If you want to give permission to discuss your claim with your landlord, please sign below. (At any time you can withdraw your permission to share information with your landlord.)

I give you permission to share information about the progress of my Housing Benefit claim with my landlord or their representative.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Full Name and address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Part 18 Backdating

We can normally pay Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support from the Monday after you first asked us for a form, as long as you return it within one month of the date of issue. Sometimes, we can pay benefit from an earlier date if you have a good reason for not claiming earlier. If you want us to consider paying your benefit from an earlier date, tell us when you want benefit from, and why you did not claim earlier.

Date you want to claim benefit from

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Tell us why you have not claimed before.

## Part 19 Extra information

Please use this space to tell us about any children, other adults, income, jobs, savings and so on, that you have not been able to give details of on the previous pages. You can also use it to tell us anything else you feel may help us with your claim.

## Part 20 How we collect and use information

We will use the information we collect on this form and from supporting evidence, to process your application. We may pass the information to the Department for Work and Pensions and HM Revenue & Customs if the law allows this.

We may check the information you provide, or information which someone else gives us about you, with other information held by us. We may also get information from other organisations, or give them information, to check that the information we have is accurate, to prevent or detect crime, or to protect public funds in other ways, if the law allows this. These other organisations include government departments and local authorities.

Forest of Dean District Council is the Data Controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation. We will only use your personal information in accordance with the Legislation and for the purposes of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support. We will not give information about you to anyone else, or use information about you for other purposes, unless the law allows us to.

### **Fair Processing Notice**

We are required by law to protect the public funds we administer. In order to prevent and detect fraud we may share information provided to us with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds.



We are participating in data matching exercises to assist in the prevention and detection of fraud and are also providing data to the Audit Commission for matching with data held by other organisations. Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support data may also be supplied to credit reference agencies.

Data matching involves comparing computer records held by one organisation against other computer records held by the same or another organisation to see how far they match. This is usually personal information and may include checks on undeclared cohabiters.

Computerised data matching allows potentially fraudulent claims and payments to be identified. Where a match is found it indicates that there is an inconsistency that requires further investigation. We cannot assume that the inconsistency is as a result of fraud, error or other explanation until an investigation is carried out.

## Declaration - Please read this carefully before you sign and date it

I understand the following.

- If I give information that is incorrect or incomplete, you may take action against me. This may include legal action.
- You will use the information I have provided to process my claim. You may check some of the information with others, as allowed by law.
- You may use any information I have provided in connection with this and any other claim for state benefits that I have made or may make. You may give some information to other organisations, such as government departments, local authorities and private companies, such as banks and organisations that may lend me money, if the law allows this.
- You must protect the public funds you handle, and so may use the information I have provided on this form to prevent and detect fraud. You may also share this information, for the same purpose, with other organisations responsible for monitoring or handling public funds.
- I know I must immediately tell the relevant local authority's Benefit Service in writing, about any changes in my circumstances or changes in the circumstances of anyone else in my household, which may affect my claim. **If I do not do this I may be prosecuted.**

**I declare the information I have given on this form is correct and complete. I understand that if someone else filled in this form, it is my responsibility to check all the information given in this form.**

Your signature

Date

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Partner's Signature

Date

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**WARNING - You may be prosecuted if you give false or incorrect information or fail to tell our Benefits Service about any change of circumstances as soon as it happens, or you are aware that a change will be happening.**

Examples of the type of changes I should report are: Change of address; increase or decrease of income; increase or decrease of savings (capital); if anyone on my claim stops getting Income Support, Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related) or Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance; if anyone on my claim starts or stops work or changes jobs; if other people, who live with me have income changes; if either myself, or my partner's Tax Credits or other Social Security Benefits change (including notification of a new award); if anyone leaves or joins my household; if anyone starts to receive Carer's Allowance for looking after myself or my partner.

**This list is not exhaustive - if in doubt, please tell us anyway.**

**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

Name of the person who filled in this form

Relationship to the person claiming

Do you have power of attorney / are you the customer's appointee?

Yes

No

**Declaration: I have confirmed with the person claiming that the answers I have written on this form are correct and that the declaration above has been read by or to them.**

Signature of person  
who filled in the form

Date

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# Checklist

## Evidence

The checklist below will help you. If you are not sure if we need to see proof of something, get in touch with us. We will tell you what we need to see. We cannot pay you benefit until we have seen the proof we need. Please tick to say what evidence you are sending with this form. We must see original documents, not copies.

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

**You must provide evidence straight away so we can process your claim.**

We need the same evidence for your partner, if you have one, and for any other adults living in your home.

**If you do not provide all the evidence we need, we might not be able to pay you any benefit.**

- Evidence of identity**  
Such as birth certificate, marriage certificate, passport, medical card, driving licence, UK residence permit, EEC identity card or recent gas or electricity bill. We need to see evidence of at least one of these items for each person.
- Evidence of National Insurance number**  
Such as National Insurance number card, payslips or letters from social security or the tax office.
- Evidence of capital, savings and investments**  
Such as all your bank, building society or post office books, full bank statements or certificates for Premium Bonds, National Savings Certificates, ISAs, stocks, shares and unit trusts. We need to see this evidence for children in your household as well. The evidence you send must show details for at least the last two months. We need to see evidence of any interest or dividends your non-dependant gets on investments and savings.  
Tell us about any unidentifiable regular credits/debits or transfers which appear on your bank statements.
- Evidence of earnings. Also 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. You can ask your employer to fill in a wage certificate if you do not have these payslips. Please ask us for a certificate. If you or your partner is self-employed, we need to see your accounts for the last financial year or, if you have been trading for less than six months, a summary of your trading records so far.
- Evidence of other income Also 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 evidence of any money people pay you for board and lodgings
- Evidence of benefits, allowances, or pensions Also for any other adults living in your home**  
Such as current award notices, letters or screen shots from the Department for Work and Pensions confirming how much you get. We need a breakdown of any War Pensions, so you may have to contact the War Pensions office for this. If you do not have evidence, let us know straight away.
- Evidence of private rent and tenancy**  
Such as a rent book, rent receipts, a tenancy agreement or a letter from your landlord.
- Evidence of other money paid out**  
Such as letters about student grants or loans, maintenance or a contract from a registered child carer, with proof of payments you have made and the hours they look after your children.

**If you cannot get the proof straight away, send the form to us with the proof you do have and let us know what proof has been delayed and when you will be able to send it to us. Use the extra information box on page 19 of this form.**

## Our offices and opening times

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