Housing Benefit claim form

Application form for the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme



Filling in the form

- If you are just claiming Second Adult Reduction, only fill in Parts 1, 3, 17, 18 and 19 of this form.
- Please send any proof with the claim form.
- Use black ink to fill in the form. Do not use pencil. If you make a mistake, just cross it out and put the right answer next to it. Do not use correction fluid or tape. Please initial any alterations.
- Answer 'Yes or No' questions by ticking v the relevant box. If you are picking an answer from a list of answers, put a tick in the relevant box. Do not put a cross in any boxes. If you answer a question with a cross or do not answer a question we will have to send the form back, and this will delay the claim.
- The application form states what supporting evidence is required to allow us to process a claim. These documents must be original, photocopies will not be accepted.
- Receipts will be given for claims accepted at your local office, if requested.

Don't delay - claim today!

Please return this form as quickly as possible, even if you do not have everything we ask for. You can send the rest to us later.

Contact details:

Please return the form either by:

Post to:

Benefits Section

Market Hall Market Place Whitehaven Cumbria CA28 7JG Or in person at the one of the following offices:

Customer Contact Centre at the Market Hall

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm; Wednesday 10.00am – 5.00pm; Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm

Millom Council Office

St George's Road Millom LA18 4DD

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm, closed for lunch 12:15pm - 12:45pm. Email: benefits@copeland.gov.uk

Phone: 01946 598300 Fax: 01946 598308

A claim form for Housing Benefit and / or an application for the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme

For office use only Date form was requested / /	If you are just claiming Sec Reduction, only fill in Parts 18 and 19 of this form.		Are you (please tick every a hostel tenant?	y box that applie an owner-occi a housing asso social landlord	a joint owner occupier? beciation or living in Board & Lodgings?
Date form was issued	Part 1 About	you and	l your partner		
/ /	Do you have a partner who We use <i>partner</i> to mean	•			No Yes If you have a partner, you must
Local authority office date stamp	a person you are married to married to them, ora civil partner or a person y				answer all the questions about them, as well as yourself.
		You			Your partner
	Surname or family name				
Initials	Other names				
This claim form should be returned along with all	Any other names you have used				
supporting evidence by	Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, other)				
/ /	Address, including room number if you have one Do not tell us your partner's address if it is the same as yours.				
Reference Number	What date did you		Postcode		Postcode
Reference Number	move to this address?	/	/		
	Your daytime phone number	Code	Number		Code Number
	What is this number? Please tick. Date of birth	Home Wo	ork Mobile Te:	xtphone	Home Work Mobile Textphone

Part 1 About you and your partner continued

	You		Your partner
National Insurance (NI) number You can find this on payslips, letters about your benefit or letters from the tax office. We cannot normally decide your claim if we do not have your NI number. We need to see proof of this.	Letters Numbers If you do not have a NI number, or cannot find it, tick this box.		Letters Numbers Letter If your partner does not have a NI number, or cannot find it, tick this box.
Your e-mail address.			
Have you or your partner ever received Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Universal Credit or a Local Council Tax Reduction? When did you last get Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Universal Credit or a Local Council Tax Reduction?	No Please tell us about it below.		No Please tell us about it below.
Which council did you claim from?			
What name did you use for the claim?			
What address did you claim for?	Postcode		Postcode
If you have moved from this address, have you told the council you claimed from?	No Yes		No Yes
If you or your partner have moved home in the last 12 months, tell us your last address if it is different from the above.	Postcode		Postcode
Tell us whether you were the homeowner, a private tenant, a council tenant or a lodger at this address.	We need to see proof of your and your	r nartner's iden	tity and NI number. See the checklist at Part 20

Part 1 About you and your partner continued

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

	You	Your partner
Do you or your partner have a carer other than a member of your household who stays overnight in your property?	No Yes How many nights per week?	No
Do they stay in a separate bedroom?	No Yes	No Yes
Do you or your partner pay towards the upkeep of a student?	No Yes How much do you pay and how often?	No How much do you pay and how often?
Are you or your partner a student? By student we mean anyone who is attending a course of study at an educational establishment, including student nurses. Are you in Further or Higher education?	No	No
Which college do you attend?		
What is the full title of your course?		
Do you recieve a grant or loan?	No Yes How much? f We need to see proof of this	No Yes How much? f We need to see proof of this
Are you in legal custody (this includes being released on temporary licence or an end of custody licence)	No Yes	No Yes
Where are you currently being held?		
When did you enter legal custody?		/ /
What is your earliest release date?		/ /

Part 2 About children

We need to	know about	any children i	n vour house	ehold who are:
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- under 16,
- aged 16 or 17 and registered for work or youth training, or
- aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 and in education doing a course not higher than GCE A-level, SCE Higher level or GNVQ (advanced).

Are there any children in	No	Go to Part 3.
your household as described above?	Yes	If there are more than four children, use a separate sheet of paper to tell us all the information we ask for on this page and send it with the form.
		If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box.

	First child	Second child	Third child	Fourth child
Surname or family name				
Other names				
Date of birth	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /
What is the child's sex?				
The child's relationship to you				
The child's relationship to your partner				
Usual address, if different				
from yours				
Child Benefit number				
Who gets the Child Benefit for them? We need to see proof of this.				

Part 3 About other people who live with you

Now tell us about all the people who usually live wir Do not tell us about people who just share a hall, bathroom or If you want to tell us about more than three people, use a sepa	toilet with you.	If you are sending a separate she	et of paper, tick this box.
Do any adults usually live with you and your partner? By adults we mean people over 16 who nobody gets Child Benefit for.	No Go to Part 4. Yes Fill in this section.		
	First Person	Second Person	Third Person
Surname or family name			
Other names			
Date of Birth	/ /	/ /	/ /
Their relationship to you or your partner Some examples are aunt, brother, daughter, father, grandsor grandmother, stepdaughter, joint tenant, joint owner, subtenant, lodger, boarder or friend.	n,		
	Letters Numbers Letter	Letters Numbers Letter	Letters Numbers Letter
Their National Insurance number			
Do they get Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit) or income related Employment and Support Allowance?	No Yes	No Yes	No Yes
Do they get Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance or Personal Independence Payment (PIP)?	No	No	No Service How much?
	f a week	f a week	f a week
Are they registered blind?	No Yes	No Yes	No Yes

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Part 3 About other people who live with you continued

	First Person	Second Person	Third Person
Are they a full-time student, a student nurse, a care worker, an apprentice or on youth training?	No Yes Tell us which?	No Yes Tell us which?	No Yes Tell us which?
Do they pay rent or money for board and lodgings to you or your partner?	No Yes	No Yes	No Yes
How much?	f a week	f a week	f a week
Does this include money for food?	No Yes	No Yes	No Yes
Does this include money for heating?	No No	No 🗆	No
	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are they severely mentally impaired?	No	No	No
	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are they in legal custody at the moment?	No _	No 🗌	No 📗
	Yes When are they expected to be released?	Yes When are they expected to be released?	Yes When are they expected to be released?
	/ /	/ /	/ /
What is the name of the establishment where they are currently detained?			
Are they in hospital at the moment?	No	No No	No T
	Yes Tell us about it below.	Yes Tell us about it below.	Yes Tell us about it below.
When did they go in?	/ /	/ /	/ /
When are they due to come out (if you know)?	/ /	1 1	/ /

Part 3 About other people who live with you continued

Do they normally work for 16 hours or more a week?	Yes Tell us their earnings before any deductions. f per We need to see proof of their earnings.	Yes Tell us their earnings before any deductions. f per We need to see proof of their earnings.	Yes Tell us their earnings before any deductions. f per We need to see proof of their earnings.
Do they have any other income at all? Make sure you tell us about all other income they have. This includes any social security benefits or allowances and interest from savings and investments.	Yes Tell us about it below.	Yes Tell us about it below.	Yes Tell us about it below.
1 Name of the first other income.			
How much is it before deductions?	f per	f per	f per
2 Name of the second other income.			
How much is it before deductions?	f per	f per	f per
3 Name of the third other income.			
How much is it before deductions?	f per We need to see proof of their income?	f per We need to see proof of their income?	f per We need to see proof of their income?
Are any of the people who normally live with you married to each other, civil partners, or living together as if they were married or civil partners? We call these people <i>partners</i> .	No Yes Tell us their names below.	is the partner of	

page 10 Part 4 About Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit) and income-related Employment, Support Allowance and Universal Credit

Are you or your partner getting or waiting Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allow or income-related Employment, Support A	ance, Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)		Answer both the questions in this part and then go to Part 5.
	You		Your Partner
Which benefit are you or your partner getting or waiting to hear about?	Income Support Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit) Universal Credit Income-related Employment and Support Allowance		Income Support Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit) Universal Credit Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
Are you or your partner actually getting Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit) or income-related Employment, Support Allowance and Universal Credit at the moment?	No Yes When did you start getting it?	/ /	Yes When did they start getting it? / /
Are you or your partner still waiting to hear about a claim for Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit) or income-related Employment, Support Allowance and Universal	No Yes When did you claim? /	/	No Yes When did they claim? / /
Credit?			r pension before we can decide how much Housing Benef ecklist at Part 18 to see what you can use as a proof.

Part 5	About being seit-employed	page 11
Are you or your partner self-employed?	No Go to Part 6. Yes Answer the questions on this page. You must send us your trading accounts for the last fin year's accounts, we will need to see some other proof of	ancial year. If you have only recently set up the business and do not have a full of your income. We will write to you about this.
	You	Your partner
What kind of work do you do?		
When did the business start?	/ /	/ /
What is the business address?		
	Postcode	Postcode
Is the company a limited company?	Yes If so, how many Directors does the company have?	Yes If so, how many Directors does the company have?
Do you have any business partners?	No The state of th	No Dating the second se
	Yes Tell us their name and address.	Yes Tell us their name and address.
	Postcode	Postcode
How many hours a week do you usually work?		
Do you get a Business Start	No	No 📗
up Állowance?	Yes How much and how often?	Yes How much and how often?
	£ every	f every
Do you pay into a private	No	No
pension scheme?	Yes How much and how often?	Yes How much and how often?
	£ every	f every

We must see proof of your earnings before we can decide how much Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction you can get. Read the checklist at Part 20 to see what you can use as proof. Please request the self-employment proforma from us if you do not have a full set of accounts.

page 12 Part 6	About working for an employer	
Do you or your partner work for an employer?	No Go to Part 7. Yes Answer the questions on this page. If you or your partner the employers on a separate sheet of paper and send it w If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick thi	ith this form. s box.
What kind of work do you do?	You	Your partner
What is your employer's name and address?	Postcode	Postcode
When did you start this job?	/ /	/ /
What is your payroll, employee or staff number?		
Are you employed for a limited period?	No	No
	Yes When will you finish? / /	Yes When will you finish? / /
How much do you get paid and how often?	£ every	f every
How are you paid, for example, in cash, by cheque or straight into a bank or		
building society account?		
When was your last pay rise?		
When will your next pay rise be? How many hours a week do you	/ /	
usually work?		
Are you getting Statutory Sick Pay (SSP),	No	No
Statutory Paternity Pay (SPP), Adoption Pay or Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) from your employer at the moment?	Yes Which payment?	Yes Which payment?
Are you getting any other sick pay or	No	No
maternity pay from your employer at the moment?	Yes	Yes
Do you pay into a private or company pension scheme?	No	No _
pension scheme:	Yes How much and how often?	Yes How much and how often?

We must see proof of your earnings before we can decide how much Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction you can get. We need to see 5 weekly or 3 fortnightly or 2 monthly payslips. Read the checklist at Part 20 to see what you can use as proof.

page 14 Part 8	Ab	out benefits, tax	x credits and state	pen	sions				
Are you or your partner getting any of the benefits or credits listed below, or are you waiting to hear about benefits or credits you have claimed? Read the list of benefit and credits below and tell us about any that you or your partner are getting now or have claimed. Please put a line through any boxes that do not apply to you or your partner. We will need to see evidence of the benefit or credit, such as an award letter.					No Go to Part 9. Yes Tell us about the benefits below.				
	Y	ou ou		}	our partner				
Pensions	Yes	How much do you get?	How often is it paid?	Yes	How much do you get?	How often is it paid?			
State retirement pension		f			f				
Pension Credit (Savings Credit)		£			f				
Widow's Allowance or Bereavement Allowance		f			f				
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Pensions	Yes	How much do you get?	How often is it paid?	Yes	How much do you get?	How often is it paid?			
Widowed Parent's Allowance or Widow's Pension	Ш	f		Ш	f				
War Widow's or War Dependant's Pension		£			f				
War Disablement Pension		f			f				
Industrial Injury/Disablement Pension		£			f				
Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance		f			f				
5 6 1 1	Yes	How much do you get?	How often is it paid?	Yes	How much do you get?	How often is it paid?			
Benefits and allowances Contribution-based Job Seeker's Allowance	163	f	Tiow often is it paid:	163	f	Tiow often is it paid:			
Child Tax Credit	Н	f		H	£				
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Working Tax Credit	Н	£			Ĺ				
Employment Training Allowance	ш	f		Ш	f				
Child Benefit		f			f				

Part 8 About benefits, tax credits and state pensions continued

	You		Your partner	
Benefits and allowances continued	Yes How much do you get?	How often is it paid?	Yes How much do you get?	How often is it paid?
Short-term Incapacity Benefit	f		f	
Long-term Incapacity Benefit	f		£	
Employment and Support Allowance	f		f	
Attendance Allowance	f		f	
Disability Living Allowance / Personal Independence Payment (PIP):				
Mobility Component	f		f	
Living / Care Component	f		f	
Carer's Allowance	£		£	
Severe Disablement Allowance	f		f	
Maternity Allowance	f		£	
Fostering Allowance	£		£	
Universal Credit	£		£	
Have you or your partner deferred (put off) receiving a pension?	No Yes If Yes, which one?			

page 16 Part 9 About other money coming in Do you or your partner: No Go to Part 10. have any money coming in that you have not already told us about? expect to have any money coming in? **Yes** Answer the questions on this page. Have you or your partner delayed receiving any other money? You do not need to tell us about payments from This includes occupational pensions, work pensions, and private pensions, pension protection fund payments, maintenance the Independent Living Fund, the Eileen Trust, the or child support for you, your partner or any of the children you have told us about on this form, money from a trust fund, MacFarlane Trust or the Skipton Fund. training allowances, a student grant or loan, and any cash payments. Also tell us about any money you get from people living in your house as boarders, lodgers or subtenants. Other money 1 Other money 2 Other money 3 What is the money for? Who gets it? How much do they get? How often? Every Everv Everv How is this paid? When did they start getting this income? When is the income likely to go up? Yes Tell us about it below. No **Yes** Tell us about it below. No **Yes** Tell us about it below. Does anyone owe money to you or your partner? What for? How much? Who is it owed to? Are you or your partner expecting to Yes Tell us about it below. No Yes Tell us about it below. No Yes Tell us about it below. get any money in the next 12 months? For example, a redundancy payment or a payment instead of notice or holiday. What for? £ £ How much?

We must see proof of any money coming in before we can decide how much Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction you can get. Read the checklist at Part 20 to see what you can use as proof.

Part 10 About bank, building society or Post Office accounts

No Go to Part 11. Yes Tell us about your accounts, even empty or overdrawn ones or accounts you do not use very often. If there are more than 5 accounts, tell us about the others on a separate sheet of paper and send it with this form. If you are a sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box. Account 1 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 2 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 4 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 5 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 6 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 7 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 8 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 7 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 8 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 8 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 8 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 8 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 8 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 8 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 17 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 18 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 19 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 19 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Whose name is the account in? Account 19 Name of bank or building society or Post Office Name of bank or building society or Post Office Name of bank or building societ	Unless you	qualify for Guaranteed Credit you ca	nnot qualify for Housing Benefit if the value of your capital, savings and investments exceeds £16,000
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You must notify us of changes in your capital amount. Changes are deemed to be when your capital exceeds £6,000, £10,000 and £16,000

page 20 Part 12 Abo	out where you live
Do you own your home or have a mortgage? What sort of building do you live in? Tick one box Detached house Semi-detached bu Semi-detached house Flat in a house Terraced house Flat in a block Maisonette Flat over a shop Detached bungalow Bedsit or rooms or Does your home have any of these?	No Answer all the questions below. Yes Go to Part 16. x only. Ingalow Hostel Gravan, mobile home or houseboat Board and lodgings Hotel Hotel
Tick the boxes that apply. Who is responsible for decorating your home? How many floors are there? Do you and your household occupy only part of the building you have ticked? Which floors do you live on? For example, ground floor, first floor.	No As you look at the building from the street, where in the building do you live? To the left To the right In the middle At the back
How many rooms are there in the building? Living rooms Bedsitting rooms Bedrooms Bathrooms or shower rooms Toilets Kitchens Other rooms	In the whole building

Tick the box that applies.

page 22 Part 13 About rent continued How much rent do you or your partner pay and how often? every For example, every week, every fortnight, every four weeks or calendar monthly. No Does anyone else share the rent with you and your partner? **Yes** Tell us the details below. Tell us their names and their relationship to you and your partner. How much of the rent do they pay and how often? every For example, every week, every fortnight, every four weeks or calendar monthly. No Has your rent changed in the last 12 months? **Yes** Send us proof of the date it changed and how much it changed. When is the next rent increase due? Has your rent been registered as a fair rent by a rent officer? No **Yes** Please send us the notice of registration form **R05**. Do you have any weeks when you do not have to pay rent? No **Yes** How many in a year? Are you behind with your rent? No Yes By how many weeks? Who has to pay the Council Tax bill for your You or your partner home? Your landlord Tick the box that applies. Tell us who it is. Someone else

We must see proof of your rent and tenancy before we can decide how much Housing Benefit you can get. Read the checklist at Part 20 to see what you can use as proof.

What is the Council Tax reference number?

Part 13 About rent continued

Does your rent include money for the following? Tick the boxes t	hat apply.				
Meals	How much?	£	every		
	For which meals? Please tick.	Breakfast	Lunch	Evening meal	
Water authority charges	How much?	£	every		
Heating	How much?	£	every		
Lighting	How much?	£	every		
Hot water	How much?	£	every		
Electricity	How much?	£	every		
Fuel for cooking	How much?	£	every		
Laundry	How much?	f	every		
Cleaning rooms or windows	How much?	£	every		
Gardening	How much?	f	every		
Garage or parking space	How much?	f	every		
	Do you have to your tenancy ag	rent the garage greement?		No Yes	
Personal care and support	How much?	f	every		
Do you pay any service charges separate from your rent, for example, for cleaning or lighting in shared areas, an alarm system, a warden, general counselling or support, meals or lift maintenance?	No How muc Yes How muc		ever	у	
Are you living away from home at the moment?	No 🗔	Ь			
Are you living away from home at the moment:	No Yes Tell us abo	out it below.			
Why are you not living at home?	Tell do do	Sacre Sciove.			

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When did you last live at	: home?	
When do you expect to	go back home?	
What is the address of w	where you are living at the moment?	Postcode
Have you sublet your ho	me?	No
		We must see proof of your rent and tenancy before we can decide how much Housing Benefit you can get. Read the checklist at Part 20 to see what you can use as proof.

Part 14 Payment of Benefit

If you are in receipt of Local Housing Allowance, payment will be made directly into your bank/building society account.

Payment direct into an account

We recommend that you get your money in this way because:

- it is safe and secure;
- it is convenient you decide when and how much you want to withdraw;
- using an account may help you to save;
- from some accounts you could have regular bills paid (this could save you money but you will need to make sure that there is enough money in your account to pay the bills - if not, you may be charged a fee); and
- you can get your money from many different places.

The account can be:

- in your name;
- in the name of your partner (we use partner to mean a person you are married to or a person you live with as if you are married to them);
- in both the names of yourself and your partner; or
- in both the names of yourself and the person acting on your behalf.

If we cannot pay you directly into an account, we will pay you by cheque.

If your landlord is a Registered Social Landlord or you are an exempt tenant from Local Housing Allowance, you can choose where to have your Housing Benefit paid. For Copeland Borough Council claimants we can arrange to pay your money (please tick as appropriate):

- direct into your bank or building society account (Please input your bank details below)
- by cheque (where you do not have a bank account or are unable to open one)
- direct to your landlord. (Please input your landlords bank details below)

Please gi	ve your	your	landlords	account	details	below
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Address of the bank or building society (including the postcode)

Name of the bank or building society

Whose name is the account in?

Account Number

Sort Code

Postcode

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Part 15 Payment of Benefit to Landlords

If you are not a private tenant and you want us to pay your benefit straight to your landlord, you must sign this declaration.

Your declaration

Please pay my Housing Benefit straight to my landlord.

- I understand that I must always tell you about any change in my circumstances.
- **I understand** that if I do tell you about any change of circumstances and you pay me too much benefit because of this, I may have to pay back the extra benefit.
- I understand that I may be prosecuted if I do not tell you about any change of circumstances.

Housing Benefit can be paid to your landlord if :-

- You rent your property from a Housing Association or,
- You rent your property from a Supported Housing provider or,
- Your tenancy started before 15 January 1989 or
- You have not moved house or room since 7 April 2008 and have had an unbroken claim for benefit since then.

Signature		Please make Housing Benefit payments direct to my landlord (Please tick the box) Your landlord must sign the declaration below if you choose this option.
Full name (in CAPITAL LETTERS)		
Date	/ /	

Your landlord's declaration

I agree to accept Housing Benefit payments for the tenant named in this form.

I understand that by law:

- I must tell you straight away if I find out about any change in the tenant's circumstances;
- you can stop paying benefit to me if I do not tell you about any change of circumstances;
- I can be prosecuted if I accept Housing Benefit which I know I am not entitled to; and
- if you pay me too much Housing Benefit for any tenant, I may have to repay it. You can take the amount of overpaid benefit from the benefit I get for any other tenants. This will not affect their rent.

Signature	Date	/	/
Full name			
Full name (in CAPITAL LETTERS)			

Part 16 Sharing information with a Third Party

Permission to discuss your details with a third party

Sharing information with a third party e.g. your landlord, could help us deal with your claim more quickly and reduce the risk of you falling behind with your rent because of your claim being delayed.

We may need to confirm information with your landlord before we can make a decision on your claim, for example, the start date of your tenancy. In these circumstances, we can contact your landlord without your permission.

By law, we must tell your landlord about certain decisions we make on your claim, for example, when we decide to pay your benefit to your landlord.

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

If you give us permission, we would be able to tell the third party whether:

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

We will not give the third party any information about:

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

You can withdraw your permission at any time.

It will not affect your claim if you do not give us permission to discuss your claim with a third party.

If you want to give us permission to discuss your claim with a third party, please sign below.

I give you permission to share information about the progress of my Housing Benefit claim / application for Local Council Tax Reduction with my landlord / their Agent or my representative as detailed below.

Name of Landlord / Agent or my representative (in CAPITAL LETTERS)	
Address of Landlord / Agent or my representative	
	Postcode
Your signature	
Date	1 1

page 28 Part 17 Anyt	hing else you need to tell u	S		
Please use this space to tell us anything else you think we should know about.	If you are sending any separate sheets of paper with this form, tell us how many.			
Use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form if you need to.	I am enclosing a filled-in <i>Paying benefit to</i> your landlord form.		I will send you a filled-in <i>Paying benefit</i> to your landlord form later.	
Part 18 Back	dating			
We can usually award benefit from the Monday after t an earlier date if you have a good reason for not claimi earlier date, tell us when you want benefit from and w	ng earlier. If you want us to consider paying your			
Date you want to claim Housing Benefit and /or Local Council Tax Reduction from.	/ /			
During this earlier period, were your circumstances different to those you have told us about on this form?	No Please tell us about it below.			
What has changed? We need proof of any changes in your circumstances for this period.				
Why have you waited until now to make your claim?				

Part 19 Declaration

Use of your personal information

Copeland Borough Council will use the information you provide to process your claim for housing benefit and/or council tax reduction. Your information will not be used for any other purpose unless allowed by law.

The information you provide may be processed by third party organisations on behalf of Copeland Borough Council, but only for the purpose of dealing with your claim.

Copeland Borough Council may check some of the information you provide with other council services, other councils and government departments, for example the Department for Work and Pensions, the Inland Revenue and the Home Office.

We may also get information about you from certain other organisations or give information about you to them to:

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

These other organisations include government departments, other local authorities and private sector organisations such as banks and organisations that may lend you money.

Declaration

Even if someone else has filled in this form for you, you must sign this declaration if you can. If you have a partner, getting them to sign this form should allow us to process your claim more quickly, but they do not have to sign. **Please read this declaration carefully before you sign and date it.**

- I understand that this claim is made to you, my local council. I understand that the information will be processed by Copeland Borough Council and may be processed by its contractors for the purposes of processing my claim. You may check some of the information with or disclose it to other sources as allowed by law.
- I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete as far as I know and believe.
- I understand that if I knowingly give information that is incorrect or incomplete, I may be liable to prosecution or other action.
- I know that I must let you know in writing straight away about any change in my circumstances which might affect my claim.

Signature of person claiming		Partner's signature	
	Date		Date
	/ /		/ /

If this form has been filled in by someone other than the person claiming. Please tell us why you are filling in this form for the person claiming.

I declare that as far as possible, I have confirmed with the person claiming that the answers I have written on this form are correct.

Name of the person who filled in the form
Signature

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/	/		

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Part 20 Checklist including Second Adult Rebate

We must see original documents, not copies.

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

We need the same evidence for your partner, if you have one.

If you cannot send the evidence we need at the moment, **send the form back to us now** and send the evidence later. We can start to process your claim, but we will not be able to pay you until we have all the evidence.

Evidence of identity/National Insurance Number including claims for Second Adult Rebate.

Such as passport, National Insurance number card, medical card, driving licence, UK residence permit, EEC identity card or recent gas or electricity bill. We may need to see several of these documents for each person. (Birth certificates and marriage certificates are acceptable as long as they do not have a disclaimer.)

• Evidence of earnings

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

This means your last five payslips if you are paid every week, your last three payslips if you are paid every two weeks, or your last two payslips if you are paid every month. If you or your partner are self-employed, we need to see your accounts for the last financial year or, if you have been trading for less than six months, a summary of your trading records so far. There is a Certificate of Earned Income on page 31 which you can ask your employer to complete.

• 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 evidence of any interest or dividends you get on investments and savings. The evidence you send must show details for at least the last two months.

• Evidence of benefits, allowances or pensions

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

Such as current award notices or letters from social security confirming how much you get. If you do not have evidence, let us know straight away. Please do not send order books through the post.

Evidence of other income

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

Such as pensions 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 private rent and tenancy

A tenancy agreement or a council verification of rent form. There is a verification of rent form on page 32 which you can ask your landlord to complete.

Part 21 What to do next

You should now have:

- filled in and signed the claim form for Housing Benefit or the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme;
- collected any proof to support your claim but remember not to send valuable items; and
- filled in the Paying benefit to your landlord form if you want any benefit you may be entitled to paid to your landlord.

Send the above documents to us straight away. You can find our address on the front of this form.

If you are going to send proof or a filled-in Paying benefit to your landlord form at a later date, send these to us. You can find our address on the front of this form.

Certificate of Earned Income

To the Employer: Would you please as	ssist your employee	by completing this	certificate. Please retu	urn the completed ce	rtificate to the Be	nefits Section in	the enclosed reply	paid envelop	e.
Employee's Name			NINO			Occupation			
Employee's Work No).				Employe Addr				
How often is the employee paid?	Weekly	Fortnightly	4-Weekly	Cal Monthly	, radi				
Other (please specify	/)						Pos	tcode	
Date employment co	mmenced	/ /	How is the employe eg. cash, cheque, direct t	e paid? to bank account		Date of las	t wage increase	/	/
What is the normal I	pasic pay f		What are the nor	mal hours worked?		Date of ne	xt wage increase	/	/
If employee has ju	st commenced en	nployment please	provide forecast of	expected earnings	and tick here.	Date S.S.P.	/S.M.P. started	/	/
Please give the pay c	letails for the last 5	weeks, 3 fortnightly	y or 2 monthly/4 wee	kly periods. Include o	overtime, bonus SS	SP, SMP etc.			
Week/Month Ending	Number of hours worked	Gross Pay for period	N I for period	Tax paid for period	Occupational or personal pension contribution	Net Pay for period			
							Total Gross Pay to	date	
							Total Income Tax		
							Total N I to da		
							Pension to da Tax Week/Mo	te	
If Statutory Sick Pay	or Maternity Pay is	included in the gros	s pay please indicate	clearly which and ho	w much		Tax Week/Wo	101	
Employer's Name	or watering ray is	included in the gros.	Business Address	cicarry writer and ne	w mach.		isiness I. No.		
Nature of Business							Employ	ers Official S	tamn
					Postcode		Employ	cis Official s	шпр
CONFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION Signature GIVEN IS TRUE AND COMPLETE Please endorse with Employers Official Stamp. Position in Business									

page 32 Vei	rification of	Rent Form				
To be completed by claimant Name Your Signature		Address				
To be completed by the landlord/a	ngent		Postcode	Rent Reference		
Date of Tenancy / / / / Amount of Rent		e moved in / / Length of Tenancy	F	Date of change / / Frequency of payment		
Is this a Joint Tenancy? Yes Is this a Periodic Tenancy? Yes Does your rent include any of the foll	deta No T	, please provide ils of joint tenant(s)				
Please delete as applicable.	Amount		An	mount	Amount	
Water Charges	Yes/No	Fuel for cooking	Yes/No	Does your rent include any meals?	Yes/No	
Heating	Yes/No	Lighting	Yes/No	If Yes, which meals?		
Heating of Hot Water	Yes/No	Cleaning rooms/windows	Yes/No	Breakfast	Yes/No	
Laundry	Yes/No	Parking Space	Yes/No	Lunch	Yes/No	
Garage	Yes/No	Gardening	Yes/No	Dinner	Yes/No	
Emergency Alarm	Yes/No	Personal Care/Support	Yes/No			
If Emergency Alarm/Personal Care/Su	oport is included please	e provide details of the amount inc	luded in the rent			
Please detail any other charges						
If your tenant's rent does not include	services please say hov	w they pay for them				
Landlord Name			Agents Name			
Address			Address			
Postcode						
Signature	Date	/ /	Signature	Date	/ /	