If you are on a low income, you could get Housing Benefit to help with your rent. You may also get Council Tax Support to help pay your Council Tax. The benefits you can apply for are:

- Housing Benefit for those that rent from a council or registered social landlord such as a housing association
- Local Housing Allowance for those that rent from a private landlord
- ‘Second Adult Discount’ is based on the income of other people living with you
- Council Tax Support for those who have to pay Council Tax

If you have difficulty making a claim because you are elderly or disabled, we may be able to visit you at home. Please contact us for help.

**Return this form to us straight away or you may lose benefit.** Do not delay returning the form because you are waiting for evidence of earnings or rent. You can send evidence later, but **make sure we receive it within one month** or we may not be able to pay you benefit. Make sure your name and address are on anything you send us later.

You do **not** need to complete this form if you already have a current claim. If you are reporting a change in your circumstances please complete a change of circumstances form instead.

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Please do not send valuable documents by post. Islington Customer Centre can photocopy documents for you.
Look out for the new TRANSLATIONS SYMBOL

If you see a council publication with the above symbol you can have that publication explained to you in your own language, either over the phone at any Islington housing department office or, in some instances, a translation in your language can be sent to you.
Even if someone else has filled in this form for you, you must sign this declaration. If you have a partner, they must sign this declaration as well. Please read this declaration carefully before you sign and date it.

I declare and agree with the following.

- I declare the information I give on this form is correct and complete.
- If I give information that is incorrect or incomplete, you may take action against me. This may also include prosecuting me or charging fines.
- If I am not fully entitled to any benefits declared and this results in you overpaying me benefit, you may take action against me. This may also include prosecuting me or charging fines.
- You will use the information I have provided to process my claim for Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support. You may check the information I have provided with other sources within the council, other councils and government agencies. This will include comparing the information I have given to other departments within the council, other councils and government agencies.
- I understand that this form will be held on computer and used to work out my Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support.
- You may use any information I have provided in connection with this and any other claim for social security benefits, a discretionary housing payment or supported accommodation costs that I have made or may make. You may give information to other government organisations if the law allows this.
- I understand that you may contact the Home Office to check information I have given in this form and to get any other relevant information.
- I know I must let the benefits service know about any changes in my circumstances immediately which might affect my claim, even if I have already told the DWP or any other organisation. I understand that if I do not do this you may take action against me. This may include prosecuting me or charging fines.
- I understand that you may contact me in writing, by phone, by email or by visiting me at home, for more information so you can confirm I am still entitled to benefit.
- I also understand that if you cannot contact me, you may have to suspend or end my claim.
- Where Council Tax Liability ends and there is a credit, the Council may use this credit to reduce any other sum that is owed to the Council.

1.1 Your signature                   Date

Your partner’s signature             Date
1.2 If someone else has completed this form for you, please ask them to state their full name, their relationship to you and sign below to confirm this

Your signature ___________________________ Date ________/______/______

1.3 I give the person named above permission to act as my representative and to be given information about my claim

Your signature ___________________________ Date ________/______/______

1.4 I give consent for any information regarding my Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support claim to be provided to the Council Tax department

No ☐ Yes ☐

1.5 I give consent for any information regarding my Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support claim to be provided to the Housing department (Council tenants only)

No ☐ Yes ☐
Evidence you need to send in

You must provide all the evidence we need or we might not be able to award you benefit or support. We need the same proof for your partner, if you have one, and for any other adults living in your home.

If you don’t have all the evidence we’ve asked for, send in your form immediately, delays may result in you losing benefit or support. Please tell us what evidence is missing and why you cannot yet provide it.

You must send in any missing evidence within one month of returning your form, stating your name and address on anything you send us later.

National Insurance number and identity – Original Documents only

We need evidence of your identity (ID) and National Insurance number. If you have a partner, we also need proof of their National Insurance number and identity.

Please provide one of the documents from each box listed below for you and your partner if you have one. Remember this must be an original document not a copy.

### Documents with a National Insurance number
- Latest P45
- Latest P60 – within the last two years
- Official wage slips – within the last three months, not handwritten
- Letter from the tax office – dated within the last 12 months
- National Insurance number card
- Current benefit notification letter from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) dated within the last 12 months
- Bank or building society statement showing welfare benefit paid into an account, but this must quote your National Insurance number

If you don’t have any of the above documents to prove your National Insurance number, please provide one of the following documents as proof of your identity. Remember they must be originals and you should do the same for your partner if you have one.

### Proof of identity
- Current EC residence permit
- Current Aliens Registration Certificate
- Current Immigration and Nationality Directorate Travel Document
- Full UK driving licence
- Certificate of employment in HM Forces and Merchant Navy
- Immigration and Nationality Directorate Standard Acknowledgement Letter (SAL)
- Credit, debit, cheque cards
- Birth or adoption certificate (original or official copy of original)
- Marriage certificate
- Divorce, annulment or separation documents
- Bank or building society statement or passbook updated within the last year
- Letter from a solicitor, social worker or a probation officer
- Life assurance or life insurance policy
- Medical card

If any of the documents you supply for identity has your name and your partner’s name, we will accept the document as identity for both of you.
Rent
If you are a council tenant, you do not need to provide proof of rent. However, if you are a tenant of the council’s co-operative scheme, provide your tenancy agreement. For all other tenants you must provide one of the following.

- A tenancy or licence agreement.
- A letter from your landlord
- A ‘proof of rent’ form for your landlord to fill in (we will provide one if you ask).

If you provide a letter, it must contain all of the following.

- Your name and the address of where you are renting
- The name and business address of the owner of the property
- The name and business address of the managing agent (if relevant)
- The date your tenancy began and the length of the tenancy
- The amount of rent you pay
- What services are included in the rent and a breakdown of those services
- The property owner’s or managing agent’s signature
- The names of joint tenants (if relevant)
- How often you must pay your rent (weekly, monthly and so on).

State benefit income
(Not necessary if you receive Income Support and Job Seeker’s Allowance (income based)/Pension Credit (guaranteed credit)/Employment and Support Allowance (income related).

For each benefit you receive we must see one of the following as proof.

- Current letter from the DWP of your entitlement to benefit
- Your latest bank or building society statements showing the payment being made into the account
- A Tax Credit or Pension Credit letter.
- Universal Credit award letter.

Earnings from employment
We must see any of the following, which must be official payslips (not hand written).

- Last five weekly payslips
- Last two monthly payslips
- Last three fortnightly payslips.

Self employed earnings

- Audited accounts from an accountant
- Your own profit-and-loss accounts.
Other income
Examples of other income are private pensions, student loans and maintenance from a former partner. We will accept any one of the following as proof.

- A current payment advice slip
- A current bank or building society statement showing payments you have received
- Current award notification letters
- A current student loan award notification
- A letter from absent parents confirming payments made
- A letter from the organisation which gives you the money showing how much you get and how often you get it.

Savings and investments
If you and your partner have savings (not necessary if you receive Income Support/Job Seeker’s Allowance (income based)/Pension Credit (guaranteed credit)/Employment and Support Allowance (income related), you will need to provide the following proof.

- Bank or building society statements showing the last two months’ transactions
- A savings book showing the current amount
- Current proof of assets for certificates, shares, bonds, unit trusts, or a letter from ‘CREST’ (a certificate holding company). However, if you have given us proof of these type of assets before and they have not changed, you do not need to provide proof again
- Provide evidence of all accounts with your name on including joint accounts.

Outgoings

- Childcare charges – this must be a letter from the person you make payments to showing the amount you pay, how often and the Ofsted registration number of the minder
- Maintenance payments for your children who are students.

Non-dependants
We also need to see proof of the income and savings of people who live with you.

- If they are on Income Support/Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance/Pension credit-guarantee credit/Employment and Support Allowance (income related), we only need proof of this
- If they are not on Income Support/Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance/Pension credit-guarantee credit/Employment and Support Allowance (income related), we need proof of their income and savings.
Changes in circumstances

If your circumstances change, you must write to us at the Benefits Service immediately. If you do not, and you receive benefit which you are not entitled to, you will have to pay it back.

If you deliberately do not tell us about a change in your circumstances because you would get less benefit, we may take action against you. This could include prosecution.

If the change in your circumstances will result in you receiving more benefit/reduction, you must tell us about it within one month or we will not be able to go back to the date of the change and you could lose benefit.

The main circumstances that you must tell us about are shown below.

- If you are not a council tenant and your rent changes
- If anyone who lives in your household starts or stops getting Jobseeker’s Allowance, or any other state benefit
- If anyone who lives in your household starts or stops work
- If any of your children leave school
- If the wages of any child or non-dependant who lives with you goes up or down
- If you have another child
- If your or your partner’s income or savings go up or down
- If you get married, separated or divorced
- If there is any change in the number of people living with you
- If the payments you receive from subtenants, boarders or lodgers change
- If someone you look after stops getting Attendance Allowance
- If you or your partner go into hospital for more than 52 weeks
- If you or your partner go on holiday.

These are only examples of changes that may affect your benefit. If you are in any doubt, please contact us.

Fair Processing Notice – How we use the information you give us

Any personal information you give us is held securely and will be used only for council purposes. Information that was collected for one purpose may be used for another council purpose, unless there are legal restrictions preventing this. Islington may share this information where necessary with other organisations, including (but not limited to) where it is appropriate to protect public funds and/or prevent fraud in line with the National Fraud Initiative guidelines.

Using your information in this way allows us to deliver more efficient services that can be tailored to your individual needs and preferences. All personal information is held in strict confidence.

The use of data by the Audit Commission in a data matching exercise is carried out with statutory authority under its powers in Part 2A of the Audit Commission Act 1998.

Housing Benefit and Council Tax fraud investigations may include checks on undeclared household members such as cohabiters. Details regarding your Housing Benefit and Council Tax may be passed to a credit reference agency such as Experian.

Please see www.islington.gov.uk/dataprotection for more information.
Part 2

About you and your partner

Please complete all sections and cross through parts not applicable

Date issued (Day/Month/Year) / / FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received stamp

Please tick appropriate box

I wish to claim Housing Benefit [ ] Council Tax Support [ ] Both [ ]

Private tenant [ ] Owner occupier [ ] Joint owner occupier [ ]

Council tenant [ ] Shared ownership [ ] Housing Association tenant [ ]

Q2 Please state the number of bedrooms in the property

Q3 Previous claim number (if available)

! If you do not answer all the questions, it will delay your claim.

Please provide us with your contact details (confirm the best time to contact you between 9-5pm)

Q4 Telephone number

Q5 Email address

Q6 We may need to contact you in the future, please tick your preferred method of contact

Email [ ] Post [ ] Phone [ ]

2.1 Address and postcode

2.2 Flat or room number (if any)
2.3 Do you have a partner who normally lives with you?  

By partner we mean:  
- a person you are married to or a person you live with as if you are married to them, or  
- a civil partner or a person you live with as if you are civil partners  

If you have a partner, answer all the questions about them as well as yourself:

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

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### About you and your partner - continued

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<td>2.9 If you have moved home in the last 12 months, tell us your last address</td>
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<td>2.10 Are you an asylum seeker?</td>
<td>[ ] No</td>
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<td>2.11 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?</td>
<td>[ ] No</td>
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<td>If ‘Yes’ we will write to you about this</td>
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<td>2.12 What is your nationality?</td>
<td>[ ] No</td>
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<td>2.13 If your nationality is not British on what date did you come to live in the UK? (The UK is England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales)</td>
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<td>2.14 Are you or your partner currently not living at home for any reason, such as in hospital, in prison or on holiday?</td>
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Date left: [ ] [ ]

Date expected to return: [ ] [ ]
2.15 Are you living, or do you ever live, at an address other than the one you have already told us about?

   - **You**
     - [ ] No
     - [ ] Yes
     - If ‘Yes’ what is the address?
     - [ ] POSTCODE

   - **Your partner**
     - [ ] No
     - [ ] Yes
     - If ‘Yes’ what is the address?
     - [ ] POSTCODE

2.16 Were you in receipt of universal credit at your previous address?

   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes

2.17 Do you or your partner have an invalid vehicle or car under the Mobility Scheme?

   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes

2.18 Are you or your partner receiving Attendance Allowance?

   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes

2.19 Are you or your partner registered or certified blind?

   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes

2.20 Are you or your partner receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment?

   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes

2.21 Are you or your partner a full time student? (We may write to you separately about this)

   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes

2.22 Are you or your partner a student nurse?

   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes

2.23 Are you or your partner an apprentice or on youth training?

   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes

2.24 Are you or your partner long-term sick or disabled?

   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Yes
Part 3

Children and young people

3.1 Do you have any children living with you who are under the age of 16 or under the age of 20 and still in further education?

No  If ‘No’ go to Part 4

Yes If ‘Yes’, please fill in the details below.

If you have more than three children, use a separate piece of paper.

3.2 Last name

Other names

3.3 Date of birth

1st CHILD  2nd CHILD  3rd CHILD

/  /  /  /  /  /  /  /  /  /

3.4 Relationship to you


3.5 Male or female


3.6 Who gets Child Benefit for them?

(Need to see proof of this)


3.7 Usual address of child if different from yours


3.8 Does your child receive Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment?

No  Yes

3.9 Are they registered or certified blind?

No  Yes

! IMPORTANT

You must let us know when your children leave school or if your Child Benefit stops

If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, please tick this box
**Part 4  Other people who live with you**

4.1 Do any other adults normally live with you and your partner? Do not include your partner, people who pay you rent, joint tenants, joint owners and children already listed in part 3. If you have more than two adults living with you, use a separate piece of paper.

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<td>Do they receive any other benefit or income?</td>
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<td>Do they get Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance or Personal Independence Payment?</td>
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<td>Are they in hospital or in legal custody? If yes, please tell us the date they are due back in Part 16</td>
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<td>Do they have any other income? (We will write to you about this)</td>
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5.1 Are you or your partner working or receiving any benefits in 5.2 below?  

5.2 Are you or your partner getting Jobseeker’s Allowance (income based), Income Support, pension (guarantee) credit, or Employment and support allowance (income related)?

5.3 Have you or your partner made a claim and are now waiting for a decision?

5.4 Do you work?

5.5 How many hours do you work each week?

5.6 You must provide the full name and address of your employer

5.7 When did you start this job?

5.8 How are you paid? (cash, cheque, BACs)

5.9 Do you get overtime, bonuses, tips or commission?

5.10 How much are you paid? 

5.11 How often?

5.12 How much is your pay before deductions?

5.13 What is your payroll number?

5.14 Do you or your partner have a 2nd job? If yes please give details on a separate piece of paper

5.15 Are you or your partner receiving Statutory Sick Pay or Statutory Maternity Pay?

5.16 Are you self-employed?

5.17 Are you self-employed and receiving a business start up loan?

5.18 Are you a company director?

5.19 If you are working, do you pay childcare for any child aged under 15?
6.1 Do you or your partner have any of the following?

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6.9 Are you paying money towards a personal pension scheme?
   If ‘Yes’, how much?

6.10 Have you paid into a private pension but are not taking any or all of the private income?
   If ‘Yes’, please provide the name and address of the company

   What is the policy number?
7.1 Do you or your partner have any of the following?

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If ‘No’ go to Part 8
**Disability allowances**

**Part 8**

8.1 Do you or your partner have any of the following?

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<td>8.7 Carer’s Allowance (if you receive the allowance for looking after someone else)</td>
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<td>8.8 Please tell us the name and address of the person you are looking after</td>
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<td>8.9 Carer’s Allowance (if someone else receives the allowance for looking after you)</td>
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<td>8.10 Do you have a carer who lives elsewhere but who needs to stay overnight with you? (we will contact you separately about this)</td>
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<td>8.11 Have you or your partner ever claimed Carer’s Allowance?</td>
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<td>8.12 Have you or your partner ever claimed or are you in receipt of Universal Credit?</td>
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If ‘No’ go to Part 9

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- **Still tick ‘Yes’ if you were not paid any Carer’s Allowance. This could have been because you were better off getting another social security benefit.**

- **If ‘No’ go to Part 9**
Part 9

Other money

9.1 Do you or your partner have any of the following?

If ‘Yes’, are you or your partner receiving money from any of the following?

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9.2 A youth training scheme

9.3 An annuity

9.4 Rental income from property in this country or abroad

9.5 Any other income - what is it? (include cash payments and compensation payments)

How much?

How often?

9.6 Do you or your partner pay any money towards student loans for your children?

If ‘Yes’, how much?

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9.7 A voluntary organisation or charity

Please say what these payments are for

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! You do not need to tell us about payments from Independent Living Fund, The Eileen Trust or the MacFarlane Trust

9.8 Do you receive money from overseas?

How much?

How often?

State which country the money comes from

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10.1 Do you or your partner have any of the following?

If ‘Yes’, give the amount. You must include all accounts with your names including joint accounts and please include account numbers.

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<th>Description</th>
<th>YOU</th>
<th>YOUR PARTNER</th>
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<td>Bank account (one)</td>
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<td>Premium Bonds</td>
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<td>Post Office accounts</td>
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<td>Number of shares and name of company</td>
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<td>ISAs</td>
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10.2 Do you or your partner have any joint accounts?

If ‘Yes’, please give the account name

10.3 The amount

Give details of any savings or investments not listed above

10.4 Do you or your partner own or partly own any property, other than the home you live in, either in the UK or abroad?

If you ticked ‘Yes’ we will need more information

(We will write to you about this)
Part 11

Tenancy details

11.1 Do you pay rent for your home?

YOU

No [ ] Yes [ ]

YOUR PARTNER

If ‘No’ go to Part 17

11.2 Date your tenancy started (day/month/year)

YOU

/ / /

YOUR PARTNER

If ‘No’ go to Part 17

11.3 Date your moved in (day/month/year)

YOU

/ / /

YOUR PARTNER

11.4 Do you have a tenancy agreement?

YOU

No [ ] Yes [ ]

YOUR PARTNER

11.5 How long is it for?

YOU


YOUR PARTNER

11.6 What type of tenancy do you have?

YOU


YOUR PARTNER

11.7 Other than you and your partner, are any of the people who live in the property joint owners or joint tenants?

YOU

No [ ] Yes [ ]

YOUR PARTNER

If ‘No’ go to Part 17

If ‘Yes’, please give their names below.

LAST NAME | OTHER NAMES | RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

| | | |

11.8 Have you been placed here by a council’s homeless person’s unit or social services?

YOU

No [ ] Yes [ ]

YOUR PARTNER

11.9 Do you pay rent to the council?

YOU

No [ ] Yes [ ]

YOUR PARTNER

If ‘Yes’, say which council

11.10 Are you a tenant of a council cooperative scheme?

YOU

No [ ] Yes [ ]

YOUR PARTNER

11.11 If you are under 22 were you in Local Authority Care before you moved to this address?

YOU

No [ ] Yes [ ]

YOUR PARTNER

11.12 If you are aged 25-34 have you lived for 13 weeks or more in a hostel for homeless people?

YOU

No [ ] Yes [ ]

YOUR PARTNER

11.13 Has someone in your household died within the last 12 months?

YOU

No [ ] Yes [ ]

YOUR PARTNER

Name of person

Relationship to you or your partner

Date they died
If you are a council tenant go to Part 17

12.1 How much rent do you pay? £

12.2 How often do you pay rent? Weekly ☐ 2 Wks ☐ 4 Wks ☐ Monthly ☐

12.3 If none of these, please say how often

12.4 Are any of the following included in your rent? (If ‘Yes’, fill in the following.)

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12.4.1 Heating

12.5 Lighting

12.6 Hot water

12.7 Fuel for cooking

12.8 Water rates

12.9 Council Tax

12.10 Garage or parking

12.11 TV

12.12 Satellite television

12.13 Cable television

12.14 Cleaning service

12.15 Laundry

12.16 Counselling or support

12.17 Nursing

12.18 Personal care

12.19 Breakfast

12.20 Lunch

12.21 Evening meal

12.22 Gardening

12.23 Decoration

12.24 Other

12.25 Do you pay any service charges separate from your rent for facilities such as cleaning, lighting and so on in shared areas?

No ☐ Yes ☐

If ‘Yes’, how much? £

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

No ☐ Yes ☐

If ‘Yes’, what are their names?

12.27 Has your rent changed in the last 12 months?

No ☐ Yes ☐

12.28 When is the next rent increase due? (day/month/year)

12.29 Has your rent been registered as a fair rent?

No ☐ Yes ☐

If ‘Yes’, when? (day/month/year)
Part 13

About where you live

Please tick the type of accommodation you live in.

13.1 Detached house
13.2 Semi-detached house
13.3 Terraced house
13.4 Self-contained bedsit
13.5 Room in a house
13.6 Flat in a block of flats
13.7 Flat over a shop
13.8 Maisonette
13.9 Flat in a house
13.10 Bedsit with shared facilities
13.11 Guest house or hotel
13.12 Residential nursing home
13.13 Residential care home
13.14 Studio flat
13.15 Caravan
13.16 Houseboat
13.17 Hostel or refuge
13.18 If none of the above, please give details:

How many floors are there in the building you live in?

Which floor or floors do you live on?

Basement

Ground

First

Second

Third

Other

If you ticked ‘Other’, please say where.

Is the property you rent:

partly furnished

fully furnished

barely furnished

unfurnished

If you live in a room or bedsit, are there any cooking facilities?

No

Yes

Has your home been adapted for someone with a disability?

No

Yes

Do you have central heating?

No

Yes

Who is responsible for decorating the inside of your home?

You

Landlord

Don’t know

Do you have a garage?

No

Yes


13.26 IMPORTANT. If you use a room, rooms or flat in part of a house you must tell us where it is in the property.

Is it in:

- the front? [ ]
- the back? [ ]
- the centre? [ ]

In the table below, please tell us how many rooms you have.

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<th>Room Type</th>
<th>Total Number</th>
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<th>How Many Rooms Do You Share?</th>
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13.34 You only need to fill in this part if you are renting a room in a property

Facing your property from the road, is your own room on the left, in the middle or on the right of the building? Please mark your room with an X.

13.35 Is your own room at the front, centre or at the back of the building? Please mark your room with an X.

13.36 If your room is somewhere different, please say where
Part 14

About your landlord or landlady

14.1 Please give the name and business address of your landlord, landlady or agent

Last name

Other names

Address

Telephone

If it is an agent please tick this box

14.2 If your landlord or landlady is a company, do you or your partner have any connection with the company?

No ☐ Yes ☐

14.3 Is your landlord, landlady or agent related to you, your partner or children?

No ☐ Yes ☐

If ‘Yes’, who is related to who and how?

14.4 Does the landlord, landlady or agent live in the property?

No ☐ Yes ☐

14.5 Do you owe your landlord or landlady any rent?

No ☐ Yes ☐

If ‘Yes’, how much?

£

14.6 Have you ever owned the property you are now living in?

No ☐ Yes ☐

If ‘Yes’, please give the date you sold it and the reason

/ / /
We will pay your housing benefit straight into your bank or building society account. Generally we will only pay your landlord if you are a housing association tenant.

15.1 Are you likely to have difficulty managing your finances?  
15.2 Is it likely that you will use your benefit to pay your rent?  
15.3 Has your landlord reduced the rent (or not increased the rent) to make it affordable to you? (we will contact you separately about this)  
15.4 I want my benefit to go straight to my landlord and I am a housing association tenant? If you tick this box both you and your landlord have to fill in the additional declaration in part 19.  

15.5 Tell us the following details:

Name of bank or building society
Address and postcode
Give account name as it appears on your bank statement
Account number
Sort code

Please note that we will not be paying claims by cheque. If your bank details are not provided we cannot start paying benefit.
Are you a boarder or do you live in a hostel or refuge?

If ‘Yes’, how many meals does your landlord or landlady provide?

- None
- Breakfast
- Less than 3 meals
- All meals

If your rent includes any of the following services, please tick the box and write the amount if you know it.

- Laundry (sheets)
- Cleaning
- Personal laundry

Do you share your room with anyone who is not your partner or who is not related to you?

No
Yes

Please use for anything else you wish to tell us about, including any benefits or pension claimed but not yet received, or other income/capital expected in the future.
We can usually award benefit from the Monday after the day we receive your claim. Sometimes we can pay benefit from an earlier date if you have a good reason for not claiming earlier. If you want us to consider paying your benefit from an earlier date, tell us when you want benefit from and why you did not claim earlier.

17.1 Date you want your benefit to be paid from (day/month/year)

17.2 Tell us why you did not claim earlier.
Please give as much detail as possible and provide any evidence you have, because we cannot normally back date claims.
We are committed to an equal opportunities policy. To help us carry out this policy and to make sure that we do not treat anyone unfavourably for any reason, please provide the following information. This is to allow us to monitor our policy. We will not use the information for any other purpose.

I would describe myself as: (tick one box only)

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The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 states that a person has a disability ‘if he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities’.

Do you consider yourself disabled using this definition?

How would you define your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Transgender (M-F)
- Transgender (F-M)

And your sexuality?

- Heterosexual
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Bisexual

And your religion/belief?

- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- No religion
- Rastafarian
- Sikh
- Any other
If you want us to pay your benefit straight to your landlord, you must sign this declaration.

Please pay my Housing Benefit straight to my landlord. I understand that:

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

19.1 Signature __________________________ Date ____________

Now ask your landlord to sign this agreement

19.2 Landlords name __________________________

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 must 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 ____________
Sharing information with your landlord

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 because of your claim being delayed. We would only share information with your landlord if you:

- are a local authority tenant; or
- have agreed that your Housing Benefit can be paid directly to your landlord.

But in either case, under the Data Protection Act we need your permission to share information.

If you give us permission, we would be able to tell your landlord:

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

We will not give your landlord any information about:

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

If you do not give us permission to discuss your claim with your landlord, it will not affect your claim. And if you give us permission but then change your mind, we will follow your wishes. Just contact us and let us know.

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

Signature

Address and date

Date / /
When benefit will start from

If you are applying for benefit/reduction for the first time or your benefit/reduction has stopped, fill in and return this form **immediately** as we will normally only pay benefit/reduction from the Monday after we receive it.

If you answer all the questions on the form and send us all the proof we need, we will contact you within 14 days, or as soon as possible after that, to tell you if you are entitled to benefit/reduction. If you do not have all the information we need, send the application form in **now** and the proof within one month, or you may lose benefit/reduction.

Where to take your form

Customer Centre
222 Upper Street, London N1 1XR
Email: contact@islington.gov.uk
Phone: 020 7527 2000
Fax: 020 7527 5001
Minicom: 020 7527 1900
Web: www.islington.gov.uk

Where to send your form

Benefits Service
PO Box 34750
London N7 9WF
Email: frontoffice.housing@islington.gov.uk
Phone: 020 7527 4990
Minicom: 020 7527 3628
SM: 07957 151231

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Log on at [www.islington.gov.uk/myaccount](http://www.islington.gov.uk/myaccount)

Not registered yet? It’s simple - you can do so in six steps:

- Visit www.islington.gov.uk/myaccount or scan the QR code to be taken straight there
- Once registered, log in and choose the service you need from the list of council services

For more details on benefits visit [www.islington.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.islington.gov.uk/benefits)

Useful numbers

Sheltered housing 020 7527 5395
Repairs (8am to 8pm) 0800 694 3344
Emergency out of hours repairs 020 7527 5400
Federation of Islington Tenants Association 020 7226 9246
Benefits service 020 7527 4990
Freephone housing benefit fraud hotline 0800 073 1449
Empty property hotline 020 7527 6080
Home ownership 020 7527 7754
Linkline community alarm service 020 7527 5456

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