

Application form for Housing Benefit (including Local Housing Allowance) and/or Council Tax Support (including Second Adult Discount)

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.



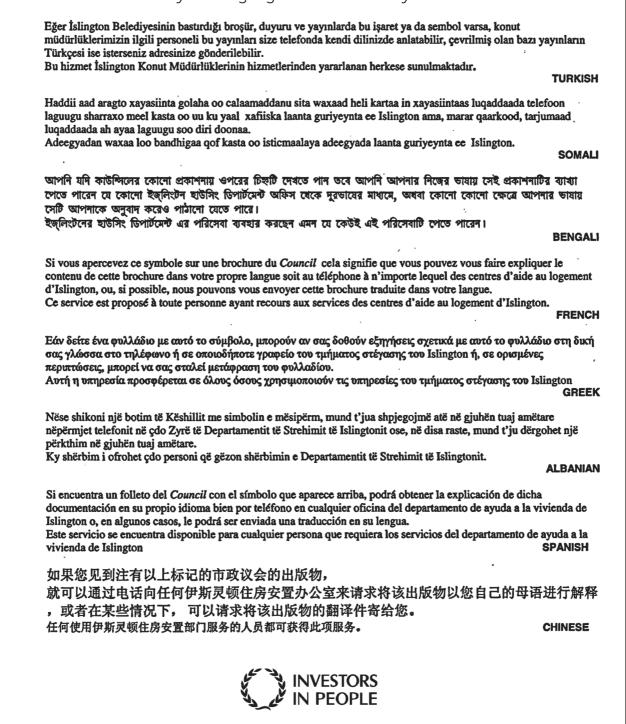


Please do not send valuable documents by post. Area Housing Offices can photocopy documents for you.



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.



Declaration

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

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Declaration - continued

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 per about my claim	rmission to act as my representative and	d to be gi	ven inform	ation
	Your signature		Date	/	/
1.4	I give consent for any information Support claim to be provided to the	regarding my Housing Benefit/Council Ta e Council Tax department	ЭХ	No	Yes
1.5	0	regarding my Housing Benefit/Council Ta e Housing department (Council tenants o		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 passport
- 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.

- An original tenancy or licence agreement. It must not be a copy
- 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.

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.

Please complete all sections and cross through parts not applicable

Date issued (Day/Month/Year)	/ /	7
Date received stamp		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Please tick appropriate box		
I wish to claim Housing Benefit	: Council Tax Support	Both
Q1 Private tenant	: Owner occupier	Joint owner occupier
Council tenant	Shared ownership	Housing Association tenant
Please state the number of b	edrooms in the property	
Previous claim number (if ava	ailable)	

! 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 please tick your preferred me		Email	Post	Phone
2.1	Address and postcode				
2.2	Flat or room number (if any)				



Part 2

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

		YOU	YOUR PARTNER		
2.4	Last Name				
	Other names				
2.5	Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms or other)				
2.6	National Insurance number				
2.7	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	1 1	/ /		
2.8	Have you or partner claimed Housing Benefit or	No Yes	No Yes		
	Council Tax Support before?	When did you claim?	When did you claim?		
		/ /	/ /		
	What was the previous address at which you claimed?				
		POSTCODE	POSTCODE		



Yes

No

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		YOU		YOUR PART	INER
2.9	If you have moved home in the last 12 months, tell us your last address				
		POSTCODE		POSTCODE	
2.10	Are you an asylum seeker?	No Y	/es	No	Yes
2.11	Have you or your partner come to live in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Republic of Ireland,	No Y	/es	No	Yes
	the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man in the last two years?	If 'Yes' we w to you ab			ve will write J about this
2.12	What is your nationality?				
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)			
2.14	Are you or your partner currently not living at home for any reason, such as	No Y	/es	No	Yes
	in hospital, in prison or on holiday?				
	Date left	/ /		/	/
	Date expected to return	/ /		/	/



		YOU		YOUR PARTI	NER
2.15	Are you living, or do you ever live, at an address other than the one you have	No	Yes	No	Yes
	already told us about?	If 'Yes' what is th	ne address?	If 'Yes' what is th	ne address?
		POSTCODE		POSTCODE	
	Were you in receipt of universal credit				
2.16	at your previous address?	No	Yes	No	Yes
2.17	Do you or your partner have	No	Yes	No	Yes
	an invalid vehicle or car under the Mobility Scheme?				
2.18	Are you or your partner	No	Yes	No	Yes
	receiving Attendance Allowance?				
2.19	Are you or your partner registered or certified blind?	No	Yes	No	Yes
2.20	Are you or your partner	No	Yes	No	Yes
	receiving Disability Living Allowance				
	or Personal Independence Payment? Are you or your partner a full time student?	🗔			
2.21	(We may write to you separately about this)	No	Yes	No	Yes
2.22	Are you or your partner a student nurse?	No	Yes	No	Yes
2.23	Are you or your partner	No	Yes	No	Yes
	an apprentice or on youth training?				
2.24	Are you or your partner long-term sick or disabled?	No	Yes	No	Yes



Part 3	Children and young people						
further education No If 'No' go to Yes If 'Yes', pleas	Part 4 se fill in the detail	-	the age of 16 or under t	he age of 20 and still in			
n you naven		1st CHILD	2nd CHILD	3rd CHILD			
3.2 Last name							
Other names							
3.3 Date of birth		/ /	/ /	1 1			
3.4 Relationship to yo	bu						
3.5 Male or female							
3.6 Who gets Child Benefit for them? (Need to see proc							
3.7 Usual address of d different from yo	child if						
3.8 Does your child re Disability Living A or Personal Indep Payment?	llowance	No Yes	No Yes	No Yes			
3.9 Are they registered certified blind?	ed or	No Yes	No Yes	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
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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						Yes
	owners and children already listed in part 3. If you two adults living with you, use a separate piece of	have	more than		If	f 'No' go to	Part 5
			1st PERSO	N		2nd PERSC	DN .
4.2	Last name						
	Other names						
4.3	Date of birth		/	/		/	/
4.4	Relationship to you						
4.5	Please state if any of these people are a couple						
4.6	Do they receive Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, pension (guarantee) credit, or Employment and support allowance (income	ome r	No	Yes		No	Yes
4.7	Do they receive any other benefit or Income?		No	Yes		No	Yes
	If 'Yes', name the benefit/type of income						
	Amount	£			£		
	How often?	EVERY			EVERY		
4.8	If they are working, how many hours a week?						
4.9	Total amount of savings	£			£		
4.10	Do they get Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance or Personal Independence Payment?	ce	No	Yes		No	Yes
4.11	Are they registered or certified blind?		No	Yes		No	Yes
4.12	Are they a full-time student, a student nurse, a ca worker, an apprentice or on Youth Training?	re	No	Yes		No	Yes
4.13	Are they in hospital or in legal custody? If yes, please tell us the date they are due back in Part 16	5	No	Yes		No	Yes
4.14	Do they have any other income? (We will write to you about this)		No	Yes		No	Yes
lf you	are sending a separate sheet of paper, please tick	this b	ox			0.5.0.6	2 5 *

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Income

5.1	Are you or your partner working or receiving any benefits in 5.2 below?		No	Yes	If 'No' go to	Part 6
			YOU		YOUR PARTN	VER
5.2	Are you or your partner getting Jobseeker's Allowance (income based), Income Support,		No	Yes	No	Yes
	pension (guarantee) credit, or Employment and support allowance (income related)?	I	f 'Yes' go to F	Part 11	lf 'Yes' go to	Part 11
5.3	Have you or your partner made a claim and are now waiting for a decision?		No	Yes	No	Yes
		I	f 'Yes' go to F	Part 11	lf 'Yes' go to	Part 11
5.4	Do you work?		No	Yes	No	Yes
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	ı?	No	Yes	No	Yes
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		No	Yes	No	Yes
5.15	Are you or your partner receiving Statutory Sick Pay or Statutory Maternity Pay?		No	Yes	No	Yes
5.16	Are you self-employed?		No	Yes	No	Yes
5.17	Are you self-employed and receiving a business start up loan?		No	Yes	No	Yes
5.18	Are you a company director?		No	Yes	No	Yes
5.19	If you are working, do you pay childcare for any child aged under 15?		No	Yes	No	Yes 13

Pensions

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Do you or your partner have any of the following?



6.2	Private pensions(s) or occupational pension(s)	
6.3	State Pension	£
6.4	Widow's or Widower's Pension	£
6.5	War Disablement Pension	£
6.6	War Widow's or Widower's Pension	£
6.7	Guarantee credit (pension credit)	£
6.8	Savings credit (pension credit)	£
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?

		If 'No' go to Part 7			
YC	DU	YOUR PA	ARTNER		
AMOUNT YOU GET	HOW OFTEN	AMOUNT YOU GET	HOW OFTEN		
TOTAL £		TOTAL £			
£		£			
£		£			
£		£			
£		£			
£		£			
£		£			
No	Yes	No	Yes		
£		£			
No	Yes	No	Yes		

No

Yes



7.1	Do you or your partner have any of the following]?		No	Yes
				lf 'No' go t	o Part
		YO	υ	YOUR PAI	RTNER
	TYPE OF INCOME	AMOUNT YOU GET	HOW OFTEN	AMOUNT YOU GET	HOW OFTEN
7.2	Child Benefit				
7.3	Maternity Allowance				
7.4	Foster Care Allowance				
7.5	Guardian's Allowance				
7.6	Adoption or Custodian Allowance				
7.7	Bereavement Allowance				
7.8	Maintenance				
7.9	Widowed Mother's Allowance				
7.10	Widowed Parent's Allowance				
7.11	Child Tax Credit				
7.12	Working Tax Credit				
7.13	Paternity Pay				
7.14	Adoption Pay				
7.15	Statutory Sick Pay				
7.16	Maternity Pay				
7.17	Jobseeker's Allowance (contribution based)				



8.1 Do you or your partner have any of the following?			No	Yes
			If 'No' go	to Part 9
	YOU		YOUR PA	RTNER
TYPE OF INCOME	AMOUNT YOU GET	HOW OFTEN	AMOUNT YOU GET	HOW OFTEN
8.2 Incapacity Benefit				
8.3 Employment and support allowance (contribution based)				
8.4 Severe Disablement Benefit				
8.5 Industrial Disablement Benefit				
8.6 Industrial Death Benefit				
^{8.7} Carer's Allowance (if you receive the allowance for looking after someone else)				
^{8.8} Please tell us the name and address of the person you are looking after				
^{8.9} Carer's Allowance (if someone else receives the allowance for looking after you)				
B.10 Do you have a carer who lives elsewhere but who needs to stay overnight with you? (we will contact you separately about this)	No	Yes	No	Yes
B.11 Have you or your partner ever claimed Carer's Allowance?	No	Yes	No	Yes
! Still tick 'Yes' if you were not paid any Carer's	s Allowance.	This could	have been b	ecause you

were better off getting another social security benefit.



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9.1 Do you or your partner have any of the following?		No Yes
If 'Yes', are you or your partner receiving money fr	om any of the following?	If 'No' go to Part 10
	YOU	YOUR PARTNER
9.2 A youth training scheme	£	£
9.3 An annuity	£	£
9.4 Rental income from property in this country or abroad	No Yes	No Yes
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?	No Yes	No Yes
If 'Yes', how much?	£	£
9.7 A voluntary organisation or charity		
Please say what these payments are for		
! You do not need to tell us about payments from MacFarlane Trust	Independent Living Fund	, The Eileen Trust or the
9.8 Do you receive money from overseas?	No Yes	No Yes
How much?	٤	£

How often?

State which country the money comes from



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Part 10

10.1	Do you or your partner have any of the following?		No Yes
	If 'Yes', give the amount. You must include all acco including joint accounts and please include accoun	-	If 'No' go to Part 11
		Υου	YOUR PARTNER
10.2	Bank account (one)	٤	£
10.3	Bank account (two)	£	£
10.4	Bank account (three)	£	£
10.5	Bank account (four)	£	£
10.6	National Savings Certificates and Bonds	£	£
10.7	Premium Bonds	£	£
10.8	Post Office accounts	£	£
10.9	Number of unit trusts		
10.10	Number of shares and name of company		
10.11	ISAs	£	£
10.12	Do you or your partner have any joint accounts?	No Yes	No Yes
	If 'Yes', please give the account name		
10.13	The amount	£	£
	Give details of any savings or investments not listed above		
	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	No Yes	No Yes
	(We will write to you about this)		



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Tenancy details

		YOU		YOUR PARTNER
11.1	Do you pay rent for your home?	No	Yes	No Yes
		If 'No' go to Pa	rt 17	If 'No' go to Part 17
11.2	Date your tenancy started (day/month/year)			/ /
11.3	Date your moved in (day/month/year)			/ /
11.4	Do you have a tenancy agreement?			No Yes
11.5	How long is it for?			
11.6	What type of tenancy do you have?			
11.7	Other than you and your partner, are any of the perpendicular property joint owners or joint tenants?	eople who live in tl	he	No Yes
	If 'Yes', please give their names below.			
	LAST NAME OTI	HER NAMES] [RELATIONSHIP TO YOU
		YOU		YOUR PARTNER
11.8	Have you been placed here by a council's homeless person's unit or social services?	No	Yes	No Yes
11.9	Do you pay rent to the council?	No	Yes	No Yes
	If 'Yes', say which council			
11.10	Are you a tenant of a council cooperative scheme	? No	Yes	No Yes
11.11	If you are under 22 were you in Local Authority Care before you moved to this address?	No	Yes	No Yes
11.12	If you are aged 25-34 have you lived for 13 week or more in a hostel for homeless people?	S No	Yes	No Yes
11.13	Has someone in your household died within the las	st 12 months?		No Yes
	Name of person			
	Relationship to you or your partner			
	Date they died			19

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About your rent

lf you	ı are a council tenant go to Part 1	7						
12.1	How much rent do you pay?		£					
	How often do you pay rent?		Weekly	/	2 Wks	4 Wks	5	Monthly
12.2	If none of these, please say how often							
12.3	Are any of the following inclue	ded	in your rent? (If	'Yes',	fill in the followir	ng.)	No	Yes
		YES	AMOUNT				YES	AMOUNT
12.4	Heating		£	12.15	Laundry			£
12.5	Lighting		£	12.16	Counselling or s	upport		£
12.6	Hot water		£	12.17	Nursing			£
12.7	Fuel for cooking		£	12.18	Personal care			£
12.8	Water rates		£	12.19	Breakfast			£
12.9	Council Tax		£	12.20	Lunch			£
12.10	Garage or parking		£	12.21	Evening meal			£
12.11	TV		£	12.22	Gardening			£
12.12	Satellite television		£	12.23	Decoration			£
12.13	Cable television		£	12.24	Other			£
12.14	Cleaning service		£		Please give deta	ails		
12.25	Do you pay any service cha from your rent for facilities su	-			If 'Yes' how muc	ch?	£	
	lighting and so on in shared ar			-				
12.26	Does anyone else share the re	ent v	with you and yo	ur par	tner?		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	e du	e? (day/month,	/year)			/	/
12.29	Has your rent been registered	l as a	a fair rent?				No	Yes
	If 'Yes', when? (day/month/ye	ear)					/	/

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Please tick the type of accommodation you live in.

13.1	Detached house		13.10	Bedsit with	shared facilities	5	
13.2	Semi-detached house		13.11	Guest house	e or hotel		
13.3	Terraced house		13.12	Residential	nursing home		
13.4	Self-contained bedsit		13.13	Residential	care home		
13.5	Room in a house		13.14	Studio flat			
13.6	Flat in a block of flats		13.15	Caravan			
13.7	Flat over a shop		13.16	Houseboat			
13.8	Maisonette		13.17	Hostel or re	fuge		
13.9	Flat in a house						
13.18	If none of the above, please give details:						
13.19	How many floors are there in the building	you live	e in?				
13.20	Which floor or floors do you live on?	Base	ment		Ground	F	First
		Se	cond		Third	0	ther
	If you ticked 'Other', please say where.						
13.21	Is the property you rent:						
	partly furnished fully furnis	hed	Ľ	arely furnis	shed	unfurnis	hed
13.22	If you live in a room or bedsit, are there an	y cook	ing fac	cilities?		No	Yes
13.23	Has your home been adapted for someone	with a	a disab	ility?		No	Yes
13.24	Do you have central heating?					No	Yes
13.25	Who is responsible for decorating the inside of your home?	е		You	Landlord	Don't k	now
13.26	Do you have a garage?					No	Yes

13.26	! IMPORTANT. If you use a the property.	i room, rooms or i	riat in part of a no	ouse you mu	st tell us where it is in
	ls it in:		the front?	the back?	the centre?
	In the table below, please te	ll us how many roor	ns you have.		
		TOTAL NUMBER OF ROOMS IN YOUR HOUSE OR FLAT	HOW MANY RO FOR YOUR USE		HOW MANY ROOMS DO YOU SHARE?
13.27	Living or dining rooms				
13.28	Bedrooms				
13.29	Bedsitting rooms				
13.30	Kitchens				
13.31	Bathrooms				
13.32	Toilets				
13.33	Other - please say				
! You	u only need to fill in this pa	rt if you are renti	ng a room in a pro	operty	
13.34	Facing your property from the syour own room on the left in the middle or on the right of the building? Please mark your room with Is your own room at the from	an X.	LM	RF	C B
13.35	or at the back of the buildin Please mark your room with	g?			
13.36	If your room is somewhere of please say where	lifferent,			



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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 plea	ase tick this box						
14.2	5	andlady is a company, do yc onnection with the compan	5		No	Yes		
14.3	Is your landlord, lan your partner or chil	idlady or agent related to yo ldren?	DU,		No	Yes		
	If 'Yes', who is relat	ed to who and how?						
14.4	Does the landlord,	landlady or agent live in the	property?		No	Yes		
14.5	Do you owe your la	andlord or landlady any rent	?		No	Yes		
	If 'Yes', how much?			£				
14.6	Have you ever own	ned the property you are no	w living in?		No	Yes		
	If 'Yes', please give	the date you sold it and the	e reason		1	/		



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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	No	Yes		
15.2	Is it likely that you will use your benefit t		No	Yes	
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)				Yes
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.				o Part 16
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.



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16.1	Are you a boarder or	do you live in	a hostel or refug	e?		
	If 'Yes', how many me	als does your	landlord or landl	ady provide?		
	None		Breakfast	Less than 3 meals	All r	meals
16.2	If your rent includes a	ny of the follo	wing services, pl	ease tick the box and v	write the amount if y	/ou know it.
	Laundry (sheets)	£		Cleaning	£	
	Personal laundry	£				
16.3	Do you share your ro or who is not related	-	ne who is not yo	ur partner	No	Yes
16.4	Please use for anythi	ng else you w		ut, including any bene	fits or pension clain	ned but not
	yet received, or other	income/capit	tal expected in th	ne future.		



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Backdating

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)

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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.



Declaration

18.1

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.

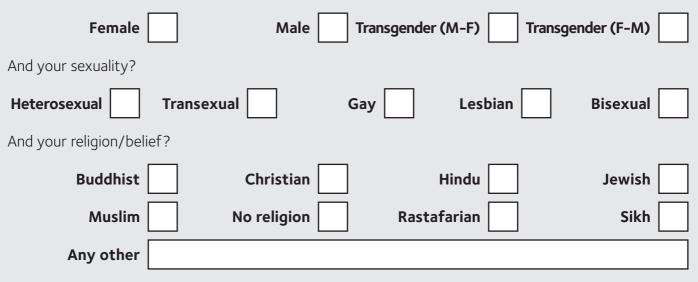
I would describe myself as: (tick one box only)

Whit	e		Asiar	h or Asia	n British	Chin	ese	
А		British	Н		Indian	0		Chinese
В		Irish	I		Pakistani	Ρ		Other
С		Other	J		Bangladeshi			
			К		Other	Q		Greek/Greek Cypriot
Mixe	ed					R		Turkish/Turkish Cypriot
D		White/Black Caribbean	Black	< or Blac	k British			
Ε		White/Black African	L		Caribbean			
F		White and Asian	Μ		African			
G		Other	Ν		Other			

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?



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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.

Signature

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19.2 Landlords name

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

I understand that by law:

Now ask your landlord to sign this agreement

- 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	/	/	



19.2	2

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

Holland Walk Area Housing Office 85-88 Holland Walk London N19 3XS Phone: 020 7527 7480

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

Customer Centre

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 SMS: 07957 151231

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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

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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