

# Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support claim form



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We have an online Housing Benefit claim form available at merton.gov.uk/newclaimhbctb

If you are unable to access the online form please complete this paper form.

**Filling in the form** – Answer Yes or No questions by putting a tick ✓ in the relevant box. Do not put a cross ✗ or miss out any questions that apply to you as this will delay your claim. If you need help filling in the form, you can:

- ask a friend or relative to assist or phone us on 020 8274 4903 or email us at housing.benefits@merton.gov.uk for advice; or
- if you are visually impaired or unable to phone, you can come to Merton Link at the Civic Centre and a member of staff will assist;
- if you have limited mobility or you are elderly we may be able to arrange a visit to your home. Phone 020 8274 4903.
- if you need help with other benefit forms, our Welfare Benefits Service are here to help. Phone 020 8545 4178.

Please see the back page to get information in other languages, in large print or on audio tape.

**Time limits for claiming –** Your claim will normally start from the Monday after the date you first contact us. You must return this form within one month of the date we issue it. Do not delay if you are just waiting to get some proof. If you want us to consider backdating your claim, you must fill in **Part 20** of this form.

**Second Adult Reduction** is Council Tax Support for people who do not have a partner and share their home with one or more people aged 18 years or older, who are:

- on a low income; and
- do not pay rent to you.

You could be entitled to Second Adult Reduction if your carer lives with you, or you are a full-time student. If you are claiming Second Adult Reduction, tick this box. ☐ Fill in Part 1, Part 3 and Part 23 of this form.

#### Returning this form and proof requested

- bring this form and paper proof to Merton Link, ground floor of the Civic Centre, Morden, SM4 5DX. or
- post the form and proof to Merton Benefits Service, PO Box 610, SM4 5ZT. You can also upload your documents to support your claim. Please see Part 22 for more details about giving us proof to support your claim.

For our use only: Firs	t contact data
Date of phone call or first contact:	//
Date of issue:	//
Print your name:	
Organisation:	

For our use only: Date Stamp
Batch number:

# Part 1 About you and your partner

Please tick the box that applies to	you or the boxes that apply to you.			
I own my own home or I get a Council Tax bill. I rent my home from a private landlord.				
I rent my home from a housing association.				
Do you have a partner who norma	Ily lives with you? No Y	If you have a partner, answer all the questions about them.		
<ul> <li>We use partner to mean:</li> <li>a person you are married to or a person you live with as if you were married to them; or</li> <li>a civil partner or a person you live with as if you were civil partners.</li> </ul>				
	You	Your partner		
What date did you and your partner move into your current home?	/ /	/ /		
Last name				
First names				
Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms and so on)				
Address (include the room or flat number). Do not tell us your partner's address if it is the				
same as yours.	Postcode	Postcode		
Date of birth	/ /	/ /		
National Insurance number	Letter Numbers Letter	Letter Numbers Letter		
Your daytime landline phone number and mobile number	Landline: Mobile:	Landline: Mobile:		
Your e-mail address				
If you have moved house in the last 12 months, tell us your last address.				
	Postcode	Postcode		
Proof – We need to see copies of at least two documents as proof of your identity and your partner's identity (if you have one). We will accept documents such as:  • a passport; • a birth certificate; • a driving licence; • a marriage certificate; • a national identity card; • a national identity card; • a letter from your social worker or doctor; • a P45 or P60;  • a need to see a copy of one document as proof of your National Insurance number, and that of your				
<ul> <li>partner (if you have one). We will</li> <li>a National Insurance number care</li> <li>a letter from the Department for Wo</li> <li>a P45 or P60:</li> </ul>	d (RD3); • payslips or sa rk and Pensions; • a letter from H	lary slips; IM Revenue and Customs; and The Pensions Service.		

## Part 1 About you and your partner (continued)

		You		TO	ur partner
Are you a person from abroad or a British national who has ever lived abroad?	Yes Yes', when did you	No /	If 'Ye	Yes	No
who has ever lived abroad:	last enter the UK?			ast enter the UK?	
What nationality are you and your partner?					
Are you or your partner an asylum seeker?	No	Yes		No	Yes
Have you or your partner claimed Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit or	No	Yes		No	Yes
Council Tax Support before?	If 'Yes', when did	you claim?		If 'Yes', when did	I they claim?
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	What address did	you claim for?		What address die	a they claim for?
	Postcode			Postcode	
Are you or your partner in hospital at the moment?	No	Yes		No	Yes
If 'Yes', when did you go in?	/	/		/	/
When do you expect to come out?	/	/		1	/
About Carer's Allowance -					
Does anyone get Carer's Allowance looking after you or your partner?	for No	Yes		No	Yes
If 'Yes', who gets it?					
Have you or your partner ever claim Carer's Allowance?	ed <b>No</b>	Yes		No	Yes
Tick 'Yes' if you were not paid any C	Carer's Allowance	because you w	ere better	off getting anoth	ner state benefit.
Do any of the following circumsta	ances apply to yo	ou or your part	tner?		
On youth training, an apprentice of	r a student nurse	<b>)</b>	<b>/</b> ou		Your partner
• In legal custody					
Registered blind					
• Long-term sick or disabled and ur	nable to work				

Proof – If you have come to live in the UK in the last five years, we need to see recent letters from the Home Office Border and Immigration Agency, your passport or your national identity card.

## Part 2 About your children who live with you

By children, we mean young peop	le under 20 who are still	at school. Tell us	their details below.	
How many of your children live	with you? If you have r	none, write 'none	' and go to Part 3.	
If you have more than six children	•		ick this box.	
If you want to get help with free	school meals, please	tick this box.		
	First child		Second child	
Last name				
First names				
Date of birth	/	/	/	/
Their relationship to you				
Child Benefit number				
Who gets the Child Benefit for them?				
If they go to school or college, give the name and address.				
	Third child		Fourth child	
Last name				
First names				
Date of birth	/	/	/	
Their relationship to you				
Child Benefit number				
Who gets the Child Benefit for them?				
If they go to school or college, give the name and address.				
	Fifth child		Sixth child	
Last name	- Intil Office			
First names				
Date of birth	/	/	/	
Their relationship to you			,	
Child Benefit number				
Who gets the Child Benefit for them?				
If they go to school or college, give the name and address.				
If any of your children are registered blind or getting Disability Living Allowance,				

Proof – We need to see a letter from HM Revenue and Customs for Child Benefit. If the child has just been born or has recently come to live with you, we need to see their birth certificate.

give their names.

#### Part 3 About other people who live with you Do any adults normally live Go to Part 4. No with you? By adults, we mean Tell us about all adults who usually live with you. people over 16 who nobody Yes Do not include your partner, your landlord or joint tenants. gets Child Benefit for. Are any of them married to No each other, civil partners or living together as if they were Yes married or civil partners? Tell us their name and their details in Tell us the name of their partner and the box below. their details in the box below. Now tell us about all the people who normally live with you. Do not include your partner or children you have listed in Parts 1 and 2. If you have more than three adults living with you, use a separate sheet of paper. If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box. First person Second person Third person Last name Other names Date of birth / / / / / / Their relationship to you For example, a brother, a sister, joint owner or friend. Their National Insurance number. You can find this on their payslips or letters or letters from HM Revenue and Customs or the Department for Work and Pensions. Do they get Income Support or No No No income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or income-related Yes Yes Yes **Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit?** Do they get Disability Living No No No Allowance. Attendance **Allowance or Personal** Yes Yes Yes **Independence Payment?** Are they a full-time student, a No No No student nurse, a care worker, an apprentice or Yes Yes Yes on youth training? Do they get Pension Credit? No No No

Yes

Part 3 is continued on page 6. Please continue.

Yes

Yes

### Part 3 About other people who live with you (continued)

	First person	Second person	Third person
Do they pay money for board and lodgings to you	No	No	No
or your partner?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Do they have a severe learning disability, mental illness or a	No	No	No
form of dementia?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are they in legal custody at the moment?	No	No	No
	Yes	Yes	Yes
If 'Yes', when are they expected to come out?	/	/ /	/ /
Are they in hospital at the moment?	No	No	No
at the moment?	Yes	Yes	Yes
If 'Yes', when did they go in?	/	/ /	/ /
If 'Yes', when are they expected to come out?	/	/ /	/ /
Do they work for 16 hours or more a week?	No	No	No
of more a week:	Yes	Yes	Yes
If 'Yes', tell us their earnings before deductions for things		£	£
like tax and National Insurance.		~	~
Do they have any other income at all? (This includes interest from savings,	No	No	No
self-employed income and earnings from other jobs.)	Yes	Yes	Yes
If 'Yes', tell us their other income before deductions for things like tax and National Insurance.		£	£

Proof – We need to see documents as proof of the income of other adults who live with you. If they are working, we must see their five most recent weekly payslips or two monthly salary slips.

If they have other income such as pensions, benefits, allowances or tax credits, we need to see proof, such as a letter from Jobcentre Plus, HM Revenue and Customs or the Department for Work and Pensions. We may contact these other government departments to confirm their income. If they have savings and investments, we need to see the proof, such as their last two bank and building society statements, and post office savings books.

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# Part 4 About Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance and income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

	You	Your partner
Are you or your partner getting	No	No No
Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or		
income-related Employment and	Yes	Yes
Support Allowance at the moment?	When did you start getting it?	When did they start getting it?
	/ /	1 1
Are you or your partner waiting to hear about a claim for Income	No	No
Support, income-based Jobseeker's	Yes	Yes
Allowance or income-related Employment and Support Allowance?	When did you claim?	When did they claim?
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Proof – We need to see proof of Income Employment and Support Allowance, s Jobcentre Plus.		
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Part 5 About being self	-employed	
Are you or your partner self-employed?	No If 'No', go to Part 6.	
Are you or your partner self-employed?		est of the questions in <b>Part 5.</b>
	Yes If 'Yes', answer the re	·
		est of the questions in <b>Part 5. Your partner</b>
self-employed?	Yes If 'Yes', answer the re	·
self-employed?  What kind of work do you do?	Yes If 'Yes', answer the re	Your partner
self-employed?  What kind of work do you do?  When did the business start?	Yes If 'Yes', answer the re	·
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what kind of work do you do?  When did the business start?  When is the business address?  How many hours a week do you work?  Do you get the New Enterprise	Yes If 'Yes', answer the reserved by the reser	Your partner  / /  /
what kind of work do you do?  When did the business start?  When is the business address?  How many hours a week do you work?  Do you get the New Enterprise Allowance?  If 'Yes', how much do you get	Yes If 'Yes', answer the reserved by the reser	Your partner  / /  /  No Yes

Proof – We need to see your latest trading accounts for the last financial year. If you have only recently set up in business and do not have a full year's accounts, please ask for our self-employed income form or download and print it from merton.gov.uk/benefitsforms

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## Part 6 About working for an employer

Do you or your partner work for an employer?  Yes	than one employer, tell us all piece of paper and send it w	s page. If you work for more bout all the employers on another with this form. e sheet of paper, tick this box.
	You	Your partner
What kind of work do you do? (If this is work that Jobcentre Plus have allowed (permitted work), tell us here.)		
What is your employer's name and address?		
	Postcode	Postcode
What is your employer's phone number?		
When did you start this job?	/ /	/ /
Are you employed for a limited period?	No Yes	No Yes
If 'Yes', when will you finish?	/ /	/ /
How often do you get paid?	Every	Every
How much do you get paid (include overtime and tips)?	£	£
When was your last pay rise?	/ /	/ /
How many hours a week do you work?		
Are you getting Statutory Sick Pay (SSP), Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP), Statutory Paternity Pay (SPP), Statutory Adoption Pay	No	No
(SAP) or Statutory Shared Parental Pay (SSPP) from your employer at the moment?	Yes	Yes
Are you getting any other sick pay,		
maternity pay, paternity pay, adoption pay or shared parental pay from your employer at the moment?	No	No
at the moment?	Yes	Yes
Do you pay into a private or company pension scheme?	No	No
	Yes	Yes
If 'Yes', how much?	£	£
If 'Yes', how often?	Every	Every

Proof – We need to see proof of any earnings. If you or your partner are paid every week, we must see your five most recent payslips. If you or your partner are paid every two weeks, we must see your three most recent payslips. If you or your partner get paid every month, we must see your two most recent payslips. If you have just started a new job, ask for our certificate of earnings form, or to download and print it, visit merton.gov.uk/benefitsforms and click on forms.

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#### Part 7 About any other work Do you or your partner do No Go to Part 8. any other work at all? Yes Answer the questions on this page. You Your partner What kind of work do you do? (If this is work that Jobcentre Plus have allowed (permitted work), tell us here.) What is the name and address of the person or organisation you do this work for? Postcode Postcode / / / When did you start this work Do you get paid? No If you only get expenses or tips, still tick 'Yes' and give details. Yes Yes £ £ If 'Yes', how much? Every If 'Yes', how often? Every We need to see proof of any earnings before we can decide how much benefit you can get. Read proof in Part 6 to see what we will accept as proof. Go to Part 8. Part 8 About being a student You Your partner Are you or your partner No Go to Part 9. Go to Part 9. No a student? Answer the **Answer the** Yes Yes questions below. auestions below. Is the course full-time or part-time? (Full-time is more than 16 guided **Full-time** Part-time **Full-time** Part-time learning hours a week.) How much is your student loan, grant £ £ or bursary for the academic year? Please tell us the term start and Start **Finish Start Finish** end dates for this academic year Which year of the course are you attending now? for example, first, second or final When does the whole Start **Finish Start Finish** course start and finish? Proof - We need to see proof of your loan, grant or bursary income. We will accept a loan, grant or

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bursary award notice, or financial statement.

## Part 9 About pensions, allowances, benefits and tax credits

No

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Are you or your partner getting or waiting to hear about any

pensions, allowances, benefits or tax credits?

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Pensions, allowances, benefits and tax credits  Pension Credit  State Pension  Work or private pension  Widower's Pension  War Widow's Pension  War Widower's Pension  War Widower's Pension  State Pension  Page 1		-	not receive the i	ncome or have	not applied	for it. Tick <b>'Yes</b> '	if you do
Pensions, allowances, benefits and tax credits  Pension Credit  State Pension  Work or private pension  Widow's Pension  War Widow's Pension  War Widow's Pension  War Widow's Pension  State Pension  Parity of the amount.  War Widow's Pension  Parity of the amount.  Parity of the a			You		You	r partner	
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Proof – We need to see proof of pensions, benefits, allowances or tax credits. We can accept letters from The Pension Service, Jobcentre Plus, the Department for Work and Pensions or HM Revenue and Customs.

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#### Part 10 About other money coming in Do you or your partner, or any children you are claiming for, Go to Part 11. No have any money coming in that you have not already told us about on this form? Yes Tell us about them below. This includes maintenance or child support for you, your partner or any of the children you have told us about on this form, and any cash payments. Also tell us about any money you get from people living in your house as boarders, lodgers or subtenants. Use a separate sheet and attach it to the form if you need to tell us about more than two other incomes you have coming in. If you are doing this, please tick this box. Other money 2 Other money 1 What is the money for? Who gets it? £ £ How much do they get? How often? Every Every Go to Part 11. Part 11 About outgoings for your children Do you or your partner pay outgoings towards a No Yes grant to support a child in higher education? If 'Yes', how much do you or How £ Every your partner pay? often? Do you or your partner pay a registered No Go to Part 12. childminder to look after your child (or children) who is under 12, or a registered Yes playscheme or a registered foster carer, care worker or nurse to look after your child (or children) up to the age of 15?

If 'Yes', please fill in the certificate of childcare costs at the end of the claim form.

£

£

No

Yes

Is the childminder related to your

child and providing childcare in

If 'Yes', give the child's name.

their home?

Proof – We need to see proof of any outgoings before we can decide how much benefit you can get, such as a grant assessment letter from the local education authority, a letter from your childminder or playscheme leader, or a letter from HM Revenue and Customs, if you get the childcare part of Working Tax Credit.

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If 'Yes', how much do you pay?

How often?

Every

Every

# Part 12 About current, deposit or savings accounts, investments and capital

Do you or your partner have any current, deposit or savings accounts,	No Go to Part 13.	
investments or capital (including bank and building society accounts)?	Yes Answer all the questions	in this part.
This includes accounts with small bala PEPs and ISA accounts, Premium Bond	· ·	
Do you or your partner have any bank accounts?	Yes Tell us how many bank a	ccounts you have.
If you cannot list all the accounts or inveand tick this box.	estments in this part, please attach a	a separate sheet of paper
Details of the first account	Name of bank	Account number
	Whose name is the account in?	How much is in the account?
Details of the second account	Name of bank	Account number
	Whose name is the account in?	How much is in the account?
Do you or your partner have any building society accounts?	No Tell us how many building Yes	g society accounts you have.
Details of the first account	Name of building society	Account number
	Whose name is the account in?	How much is in the account?
Details of the second account	Name of building society	Account number
	Whose name is the account in?	How much is in the account?
Details of the third account	Name of building society	Account number
	Whose name is the account in?	How much is in the account?

Proof – We will accept two original recent full bank and building society statements or passbooks showing all transactions.

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# Part 12 About current, deposit or savings accounts, investments and capital (continued)

No
Yes Tell us about post office accounts.
Type of account  Account number  Whose name is the account in?  How much is in the account?  £
No Value Yes £
No Yes
No Company names Value How many?  State of the state of t
No Tell us about this.  Yes
No What is the address? We will also write to you about this.  Yes Postcode

Proof – We need to see post office account books, passbooks, Premium Bonds, National Savings Certificates and dividend statements for bonds, unit trusts and stocks and shares.

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## Part 13 About living away from your normal home Are you living away from Go to Part 14. No home at the moment? Yes Tell us why you are not living at home. When did you last live at home? When do you expect to go back home? Tell us the address of where you are living at the moment. Postcode If your home has been sublet, tell us who lives there now. Go to Part 14. Part 14 How you will be paid Are you only claiming Council Tax Support? Go to Part 20 Fill in this part. Yes No (That is, you are not a tenant.) If you rent from a registered housing association, charity or hostel you can choose to have your Housing Benefit paid directly to your landlord. Do you want us to pay them directly? If yes, go to Part 16. If no, go to the questions below. Yes No If you are renting from a private landlord we will normally pay you, not your landlord, however, if you think you may have difficulties managing your Housing Benefit and paying your rent you can tell us about this in Part 15 and we will consider paying your landlord directly. If you do not have a bank account, please let us know if you would like us to help you apply for a basic bank account. In the meantime you can nominate a bank account to pay Housing Benefit. Please give us your bank details below: Name of bank or building society **Address** Postcode Whose name is the account in? Account number Sort code

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### Part 15 Direct payments to your landlord

If you rent from a private landlord and you want us to consider paying your Housing Benefit to them, or their agent, you or your representative must fill in this part of the form.

You must answer all the questions and give us as much information and as many supporting documents as possible. We will use all of this to make a decision about whether we pay you, your landlord or your landlord's agent.

I would like you to cons because this would help		-		Yes	No	
(Proof - We will need to se rent to the same or below		•	rd has set or reduced the ng Allowance that applies to	you.)		
Please tell us if any of the	ne following w	ould cause	you difficulties with payin	g your rent:		
Mental-health problems	Yes	No	Physical disabilities	Yes	No	
Learning disabilities	Yes	No	Other medical conditions	Yes	No	
Addictions (for example, alcoholism, gambling or substance ab	Yes	No	Someone else helps to manage my finances	Yes	No	
Difficulties speaking or reading English	Yes	No	I have severe debt problems (for example, a county court judgement	Yes made against	No	
I am bankrupt	Yes	No	Deductions are made from my benefits to cover rent arrears	Yes	No	
If you answered 'Yes' to any of the above, or there is any other reason, give us details below. Tell us if the difficulties are temporary and, if so, when they may end, or whether you may overcome these difficulties if you had support with advice and guidance.						
If you need more space	to write, atta	ch a separat	e sheet of paper and tick	this box.		
Please tell us your landl	ord's or their	agent's banl	k or building society acco	unt details be	low.	
Name of bank or buildin	g society					
Address						
			Po	stcode		
Whose name is the acco	ount in?					
Account number			Sort code			
Proof – We need to see	letters from a	social worke	r, doctor, mental-health su	pport worker,		

probation officer, court, friend, relative, housing officer, citizens advice bureau, charity or voluntary organisation.

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## Part 16 About rent

Are you charged rent for your home?	No	Go to Part 20.
	Yes	Answer the next question.
Are you living in temporary accommodation which Merton	No	Answer the questions below.
Council have arranged?	Yes	Answer the questions below.
When did you start renting your ho	ome?	/ /
When did you move to this address	s?	
If you have not moved in yet, when do you expect to move in?		/ / We will write to you about this.
What sort of tenancy do you have For example, shorthold, assured or something else?	e?	
How long is the tenancy for?		/ / to / /
Is the property let as furnished?		s', tick one Fully Partly Minimally furnished furnished
No	This n	means it is not furnished.
How much rent are you charged?	•	£ every (week/fortnight/4 weeks/month)
Does anyone else share the rent with you and your partner? By this, we mean joint tenants. (You will find this on your tenancy agreement.)	No Yes	Tell us their names. (Also list other adults or children.)
If you have a tenancy or rent reference number, tell us it here.		
Has your rent changed in the last 12 months?	No	
in the last 12 months:	Yes	If 'Yes', from what date? Send us proof of the date it changed.
When is the next rent increase due	9?	
Do you part rent your home under a shared ownership	No	
scheme?		
Has your rent been registered as a fair rent by the rent officer?	No	
	No Yes	

## Part 16 About rent (continued)

Does your home have central heating?			No		Yes		
Does your home have a garden?			No		Yes		
Does your home have a parking space?			No		Yes		
Does your home have a garage?			No		Yes		
If 'Yes', do you have to rent the garage as part of your tenancy agreement?	art		No		Yes		
Who is responsible for decorating?			You		Your landlord	Don't know	
Does your rent include money for any of	the fol	lowing?					
Meals	No		Yes		How much?	£	
				ed (bre	h meals are akfast, lunch, ning)?		
Charge for shared (communal) facilities	No		Yes		How much?	£	
Council Tax	No		Yes		How much?	£	
Water charges	No		Yes		How much?	£	
Lighting accommodation	No		Yes		How much?	£	
Hot water	No		Yes		How much?	£	
Gas or electricity for cooking	No		Yes		How much?	£	
Heating	No		Yes		How much?	£	
General counselling and support	No		Yes		How much?	£	
An alarm system	No		Yes		How much?	£	
Cleaning your room or windows because you cannot do it yourself	No		Yes		How much?	£	
Other services (tell us what below)	No		Yes		How much?	£	

Proof – We must see proof of your rent and tenancy before we can decide how much benefit you can get. This can be a recently signed tenancy agreement which is still valid, or a letter signed by your landlord, that gives their full name and business address, the amount of rent charged, how often you pay the rent and what services are included, if any. If you pay rent to an agent of the landlord, the letter must also give the full name of the agent and their business address.

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#### Part 16 About rent (continued)

#### It is very important to give your landlord's full name and address, and the same for an agent. What is your landlord's name and address? By landlord, we mean the person or organisation **Postcode** who owns the property you live in. **Email** If your landlord has an agent, tell us their full name and address. By agent, we mean the **Postcode** person or organisation you actually pay rent to. **Email** Are you, your partner or children No related to your landlord or agent, or to your landlord's partner or Yes What is the relationship? the agent's partner? Related includes related through marriage, even if the marriage has ended. Go to Part 19. Part 17 About where you live **Bedsit** Board and lodge Bungalow Flat in a block Flat in a house Flat above a shop Hostel Detached house Terraced house Maisonette Studio flat Room or rooms Other If you ticked 'Other', tell us what sort of building it is in this box. Is there more than one floor? No Yes How many floors are there? Which floors do you Basement Ground Second Third All **First** live on? If you live above the third floor, tell us on which floor. If you are renting a room or a bedsit in a property, show us where it is. Facing your property from Is your own room at the front, the road, is your own room centre or at the back of the on the left, in the middle or building? Please mark your on the right of the building? room with a tick ✓. Please mark your room with a tick ✓. Back Centre Front Middle Right Left Go to page 18.

# Part 17 About where you live (continued)

How many rooms a there in the building		In the whole building?	Just for you and your household?	That you share with other people?
Living rooms				
Bedsitting rooms				
Bedrooms				
Bathrooms				
Separate toilets				
Kitchens				
Other rooms (Say which types of room	ms)			
Do you have a main home somewhere If your main home is else in the UK or about 'Yes', even if you do rent for it.	else? s somewhere road, tick	No Yes	If ' <b>Yes',</b> what	is the address?
If you pay rent, how  Go to Part 18.	much do you pay for it	? <b>£</b>	How often?	
Part 18 Sh	aring inform	ation with	your landlord o	or their agent
risk of you falling be your landlord if you a directly to your land. Under the Data Prot be able to tell your la• if you had claime• if we need further. There may be other the date your tenancagent, even if you ha permission by signin We will not give your personal cief you do not give us lf you give us permission we give your permission by signin we will not give your personal cief you give us permission we give your permission by signin we will not give your permission your permis	hind with your rent becare a council tenant or lord or their agent. ection Act, we need you andlord or their agent: d Housing Benefit and r information to make a information about you started, before we cave not given us perming this part of the formur landlord or their agarcumstances; or recumstances. Is permission to discussion but then change ission.	cause of your clair rif you are a private our permission to so d, if so, whether we a decision on your claim that we need an make a decision to discuss your we will not discussent any informates your claim with your mind, we will	m being delayed. We will of the tenant and have asked us share information. If you go have made a decision or claim, and what informatived to check with your land on. If this is the case, we crour claim with them. But, as anything else with your tion about:	ive us permission, we would a your claim or not; and on this is. Illord or their agent, such as an ask your landlord or their unless you have given us landlord.
			mission to share informat ir landlord or their agent?	

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#### Part 19 Additional bedrooms information You Your partner Are you receiving the severe disability premium in No Yes No Yes your Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance? Are you under 22 years old and have recently Yes Yes left care? Do you have an overnight carer or team of carers? Yes Do you have a severely disabled child who No Yes must have a separate bedroom? Are you aged between 25 and 34 and an ex Yes Yes offender subject to Multi Agency Public **Protection Arrangements?** Are you aged between 25 and 34 and have been No Yes Yes living in homeless hostels for three months or more and have been supported to recover and resettle due to alcohol, substance abuse or mental health problems? Proof – We need to see letters from the Department for Work and Pensions, the Jobcentre Plus, a support worker, social worker, doctor or health professional. Go to Part 20. Part 20 Backdating We 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 good reason for not claiming earlier. We cannot consider backdating for any period earlier than 26 weeks before your request. Tell us when you want benefit from and why you did not claim earlier. If you return this form more than one month after the date we issued it, your benefit will start from the Monday after the day we receive it. Please provide proof of your income and capital for the period below. Period you want backdated benefit for From То Tell us why you did not claim during the period above. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of and attach it to this form. If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box.

## Part 21 Anything you need to tell us

Use this box to tell us anything else you think we should know about. If you need more speet and attach it to this form.	oace, use a s	eparate
If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box.		
Go to Part 22.		
Part 22 Checklist		
We need proof of all the information you have given on this form. You can either pro- electronic images by going to merton.gov.uk/benefitforms and uploading them or pa bring your form into Merton Link a photocopier is provided for you to make copies.		lf you
Please tell us below what proof you are sending with this form. If you do not give us need, we may not be able to pay you any benefit. We need the same proof for your pother adults living in your home.	•	
Proof of identity Such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, National Insurance number card, passport, national identity card, medical card, driving licence, UK residence permit, EEC	Give with the form	Will provide later
identity card, notice that you have been released from prison or recent gas or electricity bill. We need to see at least two of these documents for you and your partner.		
Evidence of National Insurance number Such as a National Insurance number card, payslips or letters from the Department for Work and Pensions, Jobcentre Plus, The Pension Service or HM Revenue and Customs.		
Proof of accounts, investments and capital Such as all your bank, building society or post office books, or certificates for Premium Bonds, National Savings Certificates, ISAs, stocks, shares and unit trusts. For any adults who live with you, listed in Part 3, we need to see proof of any interest on savings.		
Proof of earnings 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, ask for our self-employed		
income form to give us an estimate of your income and spending so far. You can download and print an earned income certificate or self-employed earnings form from www.merton.gov.uk/hb-ctb/benefitforms.		
Proof of other income Such as pension slips from a past employer or a letter from the court showing how much maintenance you are getting. We need to see proof of any money people pay you for board and lodgings. We do not mean housekeeping.		
Proof of benefits, allowances or pensions Such as letters from Jobcentre Plus, the Department for Work and Pensions or The Pension Service, confirming how much you get. If you do not have proof, let us know straight away.		
Proof of private rent and tenancy Such as a recently signed tenancy agreement which is still valid or a letter signed by your landlord that gives their full name and business address, the amount of rent charged, how often you pay the rent and what services are included, if any. If you pay rent to your landlord's agent, the letter must give the full name of the agent and their business address.		
Proof of other money paid out Such as letters about student grants, receipts from registered childcarers or the certificate at the end of this form.		

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#### Part 23 Declaration

Even if someone else has filled in this form for you, you must sign this declaration. If you have a partner, they should sign this declaration as well. Please read this declaration carefully before you sign and date it.

#### I understand the following.

Your signature:

- All the information given on this form is correct and complete.
- If I give information that is incorrect or incomplete, you may take action against me. This may include court action.
- You will use the information I have provided to process my claim for Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support, or both. You may check some of the information with other sources within the council, the Valuation Office Agency, Experian or Equifax (credit reference agencies), other councils and other organisations as allowed by the law.
- You may use any information I have provided in connection with this and any other claim for state benefits, allowances or tax credits that I have made or may make. You may give some information to other government organisations, other council departments and private-sector companies such as banks and organisations that lend me money, if the law allows this.

I know I must let Merton Benefits Service know straight away in writing, about any change in my circumstances which might affect my claim. I declare the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.

Your partner's signature:

Date:

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Part 24 If someone else	has filled the form in for you
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.	As far as possible, I have confirmed with the person claiming that the answers I have written on this form are correct and complete.
Name of the person who filled in the form	
Relationship to the person claiming	
Signature of the person	Date / /

#### **Data Protection**

We will store and use your personal information in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. We must protect the public funds we handle and we may use the information you have provided to prevent and detect fraud. Our fraud investigations can include checking whether you have an undeclared partner living with you. We may also share this information, for the same purpose, with other organisations responsible for managing or handling public funds.

For more information, go to merton.gov.uk/nfi-fdp or contact the Data Protection Officer — email: data.protection@merton.gov.uk. You can get more information from www.ico.gov.uk

#### Changes you must tell us about

When you claim Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support, there are charges you must tell us about straight away in writing. Do not rely on anyone else to tell us about changes on your behalf, unless we have agreed to deal with that person on your behalf. The changes we need to be told about are listed on the back of the form on page 24.

#### **Certificate of childcare costs**

If you pay someone to look after your children, please answer the questions below and ask your childminder or playscheme leader to sign the certificate below. Do not delay returning your application form if you cannot get this certificate filled in straight away. Please send it in within one month of sending us your application form.

Your name					
Your address and postcode					
Name of the child or children being cared for Name and address of the childminder, care worker, foster carer, nurse, playscheme or homecare providers scheme					
Is your childminder registered with Office for Standards in Education (			No		
We need to know how much you are childminder, playscheme or homeca scheme. We also need to know if you different amounts at different times (during school holidays). Please say hyou pay and for how many weeks a you	re providers a year from for example, Total childcare costs ow much	a week for to a week for to	weeks		
Your signature Your childminder's or		Date Date	/ /		
playleader's signature	and Other Courter DO Base 040 Lander Da		/ /		
Return to Merton Benefits Serv	ce, Civic Centre, PO Box 610, London Ro	ad, Morden S	M4 5∠ I.		
Single-person discou	nt claim				
If you are the only adult person living in the property, you may be entitled to a discount of 25% off your Council Tax bill.					
I want to claim a single-person dis					
I became the only adult living in the	e property on		(date).		
Your name					
Your address and postcode					
Your Council Tax account number					
Your signature		Date	/ /		
Return to Merton Benefits Service, Civic Centre, PO Box 610, London Road, Morden SM4 5ZT.					
Merton Benefits Service	e ethnic monitoring survey	Ethnic origin <i>(</i>	please tick)		
White White Irish White other Indian Pakistani Banglades	er Mixed British Black race Asian British Black	Black other  Chinese	Black Caribbean		
If 'Other', please say what					

You do not need to fill in this part if you do not want to. It will not affect the processing of your claim but it may help us to improve our service if you do fill it in. Any information you give in this part will be recorded separately from the details about your claim. **Thank you for your help.** 

#### Changes you must tell us about

Tear out this section and keep it in a safe place so that you have a reminder of which changes you must tell us about. If you have filled in the Certificate of childcare costs on the back of this sheet, photocopy this section instead.

Tell us straight away and no later than one month after if:

- any of your children leave school or leave home;
- anyone moves into or out of your home (including lodgers and subtenants);
- your income or the income of anyone living with you changes;
- your savings or investments change by more than £200;
- you or anyone living with you becomes a student, goes on a Youth Training Scheme, goes into hospital
  or a nursing home, goes into prison, or gets, changes or leaves a job;
- · your rent changes;
- you move;
- you or your partner are going to be away from home for more than a month;
- you receive any decision from the Home Office;
- anything you have told us about on this form changes in the future; or
- you get married, form a civil partnership or start living with someone as if you were married or civil partners.

You must tell us about these changes in writing – a phone call is not enough.

If you don't tell us about these changes you may lose money you are entitled to or you may get too much benefit and then have to pay it back.

You must make sure that you tell us about these changes. Don't rely on someone else to pass the message on.

It is an offence not to tell us about any change of circumstances that affects your Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support. We may take court action against you and if we pay you too much benefit, you may have to pay it back.

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