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## Housing Benefit & Council Tax Support - NEW CLAIM and Free School Meals

Use this form to claim Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support if you do not already have a claim for benefit with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

Return this form quickly to the following address or you may lose benefit: Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, Benefits Service, ADMAIL 3860, Blackburn BB1 1WB

#### **About this form**

The Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support claim form has been specially designed to be easy to fill in. It may look rather long, but we have to ask a lot of questions to make sure that you get the right amount of benefit.

#### **Second Adult Rebate**

Second Adult Rebate is Council Tax Support for people who may not have a partner but who share their home with someone who:

- is 18 or over; and
- is on a low income; and
- does not pay them rent

If you are claiming Second Adult Rebate, only fill in Part 2, Part 3, Part 4 and Part 18 of this form.

#### **Free School Meals**

You can qualify for **free school meals** if you are on Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (income based), Employment Support Allowance (ESA) (IR), Universal Credit and Pension Credit Guaranteed Credit (PCGC) and in certain cases people who receive Child Tax Credits only, not working tax credit - unless your child attends an independent school.

#### Filling in the form

**Please use black ink.** Do not use pencil. If you make a mistake, just cross it out and put the right answer next to it. Do not use correction fluid or tape.

Answer 'yes' or 'no' questions by putting a tick in the relevant box. If you are picking an answer from a list of answers, put a tick in the relevant box.

If someone else fills in the form for you, please ask them to sign the declaration on page 20.

We provide a 'Loop aid' system for people who are hard of hearing and a recorder service for people who are blind or partially sighted.

# If you have any questions or need any help filling in this form, please contact the Customer Contact Centre on 0845 070 1066 or email Benefits@Blackburn.gov.uk

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#### OR CONTACT / VISIT

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICES**

Blackburn Town Hall King William Street Blackburn BB1 7DY

Darwen Town Hall Croft Street Darwen BB3 1BQ

#### What to do next

When you have filled in the form, sign it and send it to us with the evidence we need to see, or you can bring the form and evidence to us. **Do not** send valuable items such as bank books or passports in the post. Bring them to the customer services reception at either Blackburn or Darwen Town Hall and we will get the information we need and give them back to you.

If you cannot get the evidence we need straight away, do not worry. Send the form to us, but let us know that you will be sending some evidence later. If you do not send the form to us straight away, you might lose potential benefit.

**FRAUD HOTLINE:** The majority of benefit claims are genuine. Unfortunately, some people abuse the benefits system by submitting fraudulent claims. If you know of someone falsely claiming benefits, please ring our confidential free phone hotline - 0800 328 6340. Your call will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

#### PART 1 About your application Are you a: Housing Association tenant? Private tenant? Hostel tenant? Boarder? an owner occupier? If you are just claiming Second Adult Rebate, only fill in Part 2, Part 3, Part 4 and Part 18 of this form. PART 2 About you and your partner: Are you single married divorced separated widowed in a civil partnership If you have a partner, you must Do you have a partner who normally lives with you? No answer all the questions about them, as well as yourself Yes You Your partner Last name Other names Any other last names you have used **Title** (Mr, Mrs, other) **Address** Do not tell us your partner's address if it is the same as Postcode Postcode What date did you move into this property? Date of birth Letters Numbers Letter Letter National Insurance number You can find this on payslips or letters from social security or the tax office. We cannot If you do not have a National If you do not have a National Insurance number tick this box Insurance number tick this box decide your claim if we do not have your National Have you applied for a No Have you applied for a Insurance number National Insurance number? National Insurance number? (Please provide proof) Yes (Please provide proof) Your daytime phone number Your email address Are you currently registered with the Local Authorities Yes **Leaving Care Team?** Are you or your partner students? Yes No Yes If 'Yes' please send a copy of your student grant and loan awards All evidence must be provided in the form of ORIGINAL documents. PHOTOCOPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. If you cannot

get the evidence we need straight away, do not worry. Send the form back to us, but let us know that you will be sending some more evidence later. If you do not send the form to us straight away, you may lose potential benefit/support.

#### PART 2 About you and your partner (continued): You Your partner Have you or your partner No No claimed Housing Benefit or Yes When did you claim? When did you claim? Yes **Council Tax Support before?** Which council did you claim from? Which council did they claim from? What name did you claim in? What name did they claim in? What address did you claim for? What address did they claim for? Postcode Postcode Have you told the council No No that paid your benefit Yes Yes that you have moved? If you have moved homes in the last 12 months, tell us your last address Postcode Postcode Were you the home owner, a private tenant, a council tenant or a boarder at this address? If you were the home owner, No No has the property been sold? Yes Yes Is a copy of the completion No No statement enclosed? Yes Yes Have you or your partner No No come to live in the United Yes Kingdom in the last 2 years? If yes, please provide proof of your immigration status (i.e. letter from the Home Office and your original passport) What is your nationality? If your nationality is not British, on what date did you last enter the UK? The UK is England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales Please provide proof Are you or your partner No No temporarily absent from If yes, from what date? If ves, from what date? Yes Yes home at the moment? Please explain why you or your partner are currently living away from home in Part 15. No **Do you intend to return home?** No Yes Yes All evidence must be provided in the form of ORIGINAL documents. PHOTOCOPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. If you cannot get the evidence we need straight away, do not worry. Send the form back to us, but let us know that you will be sending some more evidence later. If you do not send the form to us straight away, you may lose potential benefit/support.

### PART 3 About children

Please state school attended

Please state school year

(eg 1-11)

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You may be able to get m	ore be	enefit	if ther	e are	childre	n in y	our h	ouseh	old a	nd the	ey are:		
<ul> <li>under 16; or</li> <li>aged 16 or 17 and registered for work or youth training; or</li> <li>aged 16 to 20 and in further education</li> <li>If in the age range of 18-20 and in further education, please provide a student exemption certificate</li> </ul>													
Are there any children in your household?									us				
	F	irst chi	ld	Se	cond ch	ild	Th	nird chi	ld	F	ourth c	hild	
Last name													
Other names													
Date of birth													
What is the child's sex? (Please tick)	Male	Fem	ale	Male	Fema	le	Male	Fema	ale	Male	Fem	nale	
The child's relationship to you													
The child's relationship to your partner													
Usual address if different													
from yours													
Who gets Child Benefit													
for them? (We need to see proof of this)													
Is the child registered blind? (We need to see proof of this)	No Yes			No Yes			No Yes			No Yes			
Do you wish to claim free school meals for your children?*	No Yes			No Yes			No Yes			No [ Yes [			

\* Please Note: Free school meals are only available if you are in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based), ESA (IR), Universal Credit, PCGC or Income Support, or in certain cases people who receive Child Tax Credits but **not** Working Tax Credit.

PART 3 ADOUT CIT	nuien (co	iitiiiucu <i>)</i>			
	First child	Second	child	Third child	Fourth child
Does the child get Disability Living Allowance (We need to see proof of this)	No Yes	No Y	és No	Yes	No Yes
childminder, nursery or after-school club any	~	on Name and re	~	•	No Yes Name and registration number of the minder
PART 4 About of	her people	e who liv	e with yo	ou	
<b>Do any adults usually live wi</b> By adults we mean people aged	16 or over who no	body gets Child		No Yes	Go to <b>Part 5</b> Give details below
<b>Now tell us about all the peo</b> If you want to tell us about more				ner.	
If you are sending a separate	piece of paper,	tick this box			
	First pe	rson	Second per	rson	Third person
Last name					
Other names					
Date of birth					
National Insurance Number					
Their relationship to you or your partner					
Some examples are aunt, brother, daug					subtenant, lodger or friend.
Do they get Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, ESA (IR),	No	No		No	
Universal Credit or PCGC? We need to see proof of this	Yes	Yes		Yes	
Do they get Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence	No 📗	No		No	
Payments or Attendance Allowance We need to see proof of this		Yes		Yes	
Are they a full-time student,	No	No		No	
a student nurse, a care	,				
worker, an apprentice or on	Yes Tell us v	which Yes	Tell us wh	ich Yes	Tell us which
a youth training scheme? We need to see proof of this					

#### PART 4 About other people who live with you (continued) First person **Second person** Third person Do they pay rent or money No No No for board and lodgings to How much? Yes How much? Yes How much? Yes you or your partner? £ £ a week a week £ a week Are they severely mentally No No No impaired? Yes Yes Yes Are they in legal custody No No No at the moment? Yes Yes Yes **Date commenced** Date due to be released Do they intend to return to No No this address? Yes Yes Are they in hospital at the No No No When did they go in? Yes When did they go in? Yes When did they go in? moment? Yes Do they normally work for No No No 16 hours or more a week? Yes Yes Yes How often are they paid? Weekly Weekly Weekly We need to see their latest payslip Monthly Monthly Monthly Fortnightly Fortnightly Fortnightly 4 Weekly 4 Weekly 4 Weekly Do they have any other No No No income at all? Yes Yes Yes This includes any benefits or allowances you have not told us about on this form and interest from savings and investments Please provide proof of all income Are any of the people No No No who normally live with Tell us their names Yes Tell us their names Yes Tell us their names Yes you married to each other or living together as if they is the partner of were married? Are any of the people in Part 4 known by a different name? No If Yes, please give details below Yes True name Known as True name Known as If more than one family, please use a seperate piece of paper, sign it and tick this box All evidence must be provided in the form of ORIGINAL documents. PHOTOCOPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. If you cannot get the evidence we need straight away, do not worry. Send the form back to us, but let us know that you will be sending

## PART 5 About Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, ESA (IR), Universal Credit and Pension Credit Guaranteed Credit

	ntre Plus Office about all of your in form. You should also tell the JobC	
Are you or your partner getting or waiting to hear about a claim for Income Support, Universal Credit, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or ESA?		
Are you or your partner actually	You No	Your partner
getting Income Support, Universal Credit, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit Guarantee Credit or ESA?	Yes When did you start getting it?	Yes When did they start getting it?
PART 6 About being	self-employed	
Are you or your partner No self-employed?	you have only recently set up accounts, we will need to se Please complete one of our se	g accounts for the last financial year. If the business and do not have a full year's e some other evidence of your income. If employed income and expenditure sheets. If someone will be happy to send one to you.
Date Started	Type of work	Hours
Business Address		
Are you or your partner No a director of a company?	Yes	
PART 7 About worki	ing for an employer	
Do you or your partner work for an employer?	Yes Answer the questions on this p If you work for more than one er on a separate sheet of paper and	mployer, tell us about all the employers
If you are sending a separate p	iece of paper, sign the piece of pa	per and tick this box.
Do you have more than one job?	You No No	Your Partner
	Yes Yes	es
What is your employers name and address?	postcode	postcode
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## PART 7 About working for an employer (continued)

	You	Your Partner
When did you start this job?		
How often do you get paid? (Please provide proof)	Every	Every
When will you get your next pay rise?		
How are you paid?		
How many hours a week do you usually work?		
Give details of any regular overtime, bonuses or commission or tips or expenses		
Are you getting Statutory Sick Pay (SSP)? (Please provide proof)	No Service Ser	No Yes
What date did it start?		
Are you getting Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) from your employer at the moment? (Please provide proof)	No Yes	No Yes
What date did it start?		
Are you getting any other sick pay or maternity pay from your employer at the moment?  (Please provide proof)	No Yes	No Yes
Do you pay into a private or company pension scheme? (Please provide proof)	No	No Service

## PART 8 Your Income/other income received

If you or your partner have income from any of the following, please tell us the amount you receive and how often you receive this amount. If you have deductions from your benefit, please give details in Part 15 - Anything else you need to tell us. Please answer all the questions. If none, tick 'None' box.

<b>Benefits and Allowances</b>		You			Your Partner	
Please provide proof	Yes	Frequency (weekly, monthly, 4 weekly etc)	None	Yes	Frequency (weekly, monthly, 4 weekly etc)	None
Working Tax/Disabled Tax Credit						
Children's Tax Credit						
Jobseeker's Allowance (Contribution Based)						
Incapacity Benefit/ESA						
<b>Maternity Allowance</b>						
Statutory Sick Pay						
Carer's Allowance						
Severe Disablement Allowance						
<b>Industrial Injuries Benefit</b>						
Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance (Care Component) or Personal Independence Payment						
<b>Disability Living Allowance</b> (Mobility Component)						
<b>Training Scheme</b>						
<b>State Retirement pension</b>						
Widow's Pension						
War Widow's Pension						
Are you registered blind	Yes	No		Yes	No	
Are you treated by the Department of Works and Pensions as incapable of work	Yes	No		Yes	No	
If so from what date						
Does anyone receive carers allowance for looking after you	Yes	No		Yes	No	
(Please provide proof)  If yes please provide their name a	nd address					
Does the carer have to stay overnight?	Yes	No	How often?			

## PART 8 Your Income/other income received (continued)

		You			<b>Your Partne</b>	r
	£	Date it started	Frequency (weekly, monthly, 4 weekly etc)	£	Date it started	Frequency (weekly, monthly, 4 weekly etc)
War Disablement Pension						
Private Pension or Occupational Pension (after tax)	Yes	No		Yes	No	
Who is it paid by? (e.g. your former employer) (Please provide proof)						
OTHER INCOME:						
Pension or benefits from another country (Please provide provide)	Yes	No		Yes	No	
Do you have any income from: sub tenants?						
rented property? (Please provide proof) boarders?						
Any other income/pensions/benefit, for example from annuities, charities and so on. Please give details if any other benefits						
Have you or your partner applied for received it yet	or any other	benefit but	not	Yes	No	
If yes please give details						
What date did you apply?						]
Does anyone owe money to you, your partner, or any children you are claiming for?	Yes	No	What for?			
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If you currently have no income, please tick this box and tell us how you are meeting your day to day living costs in Part 15.						

PART 9 About capita	al, savings and investn	nents					
Do you or your partner have Capital Savings or Investments over £16000	No Yes						
How many bank accounts / do you and your partner have? (Please provide proof of current balance)							
Do you or your partner have a Paypal account or any other internet bank (Please provide proof of current balance)	No Yes						
Do you, your partner, or any children you are claiming for have any bank accounts?  Please supply proof of all your capital - for example your building society book, bank	Yes Tell us about all your <b>bank accounts</b> , even empty or overdrawn ones. If there are more than 2 bank accounts, tell us about the others on a separate sheet of paper and send it with this form.  Name of Bank Account Number						
books etc. Whatever proof							
you send must cover the 2 months before this claim.	Whose name is the account in?	How much is in the account					
(A slip showing the outstanding		£					
balance is NOT acceptable)	Name of Bank	Account Number					
	Whose name is the account in?	How much is in the acco	ount				
		£					
If you are sending a senarate nied	ce of paper, sign the piece of paper	r and tick this hox					
in you are sending a separate pres	—	and tick this box.					
Do you or your partner have any premium bonds?	No Value £						
(Please provide proof)							
Do you or your partner have any National Savings Certificates?	Yes Yes						
	Issue number	Value	How many?				
		£					
	Issue number	Value	How many?				
		£					
Do you or your partner have any stocks, shares, bonds or unit trusts? (Please provide proof)	No Yes						
Do you or your partner have any post office accounts? (Please provide proof)	No Yes						

PART 9 About capit	al, savings and investments (continued)
Do you or your partner have any other capital savings or investments?	No Yes Tell us about this
For example cash,ISAs, compensation or any other money you have not told us about on this form (Please provide proof)	
Do you or your partner own or partly own any property, land or timeshare	No Yes What is the address
other than the home you live in, either in the UK or abroad?	Postcode
Tick 'Yes' even if you have a mortgage or loan for the property, land or timeshare	If more than 1 property, please provide a separate piece of paper with details, sign the piece of paper and tick this box
How much is it worth? (Please provide proof)	£
If you have a mortgage or loan for this, how much is left to repay?	£
Is the property rented out?	No Yes If yes, how much do you receive? Weekly £
Is this property up for sale? (Please provide proof)	No why?
	Yes If yes, from what date
Other i.e. endowments	£
PART 10 About you	r tenancy
This proof could come in several for Agreement, Letter from Landlord, Counter The proof must contain the follow.  The proof must contain the follow.  The name and address of the term of the name and address/contact of the land of the	wing information: nant of either landlord or agent siness address of the managing agent ype of tenancy  ed in the rent, together with the amounts charged for each y, 4 Weekly, Calendar Monthly n a separate claim form will need completing.  No Yes
-	to your joint tenants household as this may affect any potential benefit award. ess than 6 months, please say where you saw the property advertised.
	orm of ORIGINAL documents. PHOTOCOPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. If you cannot , do not worry. Send the form back to us, but let us know that you will be sending

some more evidence later. If you do not send the form to us straight away, you may lose potential benefit/support.

#### PART 11 Your landlord's details Your landlord's name **Address** postcode Phone number If your landlord has an agent, tell us their full name and address By agent we mean the person or organisation you actually postcode pay your rent to Phone number Are you, your partner, or any No of your or your partner's children related to your Yes What is the relationship? landlord or agent, or to your landlord's partner or the agent's partner? Related includes related through marriage, even if the marriage has ended. Some examples are ex-wife, ex-husband, aunt, brother, daughter, father, grandson, grandmother, son-in-law or step-daughter. You **Your Partner** Yes Does your landlord No Yes employ you? Yes Does your landlord live No in the property you rent? Living bedsit **Bedrooms** kitchens bathrooms other room rooms Please state the number of rooms that just you and your family use Please state the number of rooms that you share with other residents

#### PART 11 Your landlord's details (continued) Your tenancy start date £ How much is your rent? every How often do you pay it? Does anybody, other than your No Yes partner, help you pay the rent? If 'Yes' who? Have you, or your partner, No Yes ever owned this property? Does the rent include the following? (Give the amounts that are included, if you know them and provide proof) **Amount Amount Amount** Council Tax No Heating Yes Cooking No Yes Yes Hot water No Yes Meals Yes Water Rates No Yes Lighting Laundry Yes Yes General counselling and support No Yes Cleaning rooms or windows No Yes **Emergency alarm** No Yes Warden services No Yes No Does your landlord provide any other services? (for example gardening or cleaning) If 'Yes' please give details Evening meal If meals are included, Breakfast Lunch which do you receive?

## PART 12 Information sharing agreement

Sharing information with your landlord can help us deal with your claim more quickly, and can reduce the risk of you falling behind with your rent because of your claim being delayed. We may need to confirm information with your landlord before we can make a decision on your claim, for example, the start date of your tenancy. In these circumstances we can contact your landlord without your permission.

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

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

- If you have claimed Housing Benefit
- When we have made a decision on your claim
- When we have made a payment to you
- When we need more information to make a decision on your claim, and what that information is.

#### We will not give your landlord any information about:

- Your personal or household circumstances
- Your financial circumstances

## PART 12 Information sharing agreement (continued)

It will not affect your claim if you do not give us permission to discuss your claim with your landlord. If you want to give us your permission to discuss your claim with your landlord please sign the box below:

I give Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council permission to share my information about the progress of my Housing Benefit claim with my landlord or their nominated representative.

The Name and address of the landlord or their nominated rep	resentative
Sign	Date / /
We may need to contact your landlord to check any i	nformation you have given
If you do not want us to contact your landlord, please t	ick this box
If you would like to give us permission to discuss your claim we provide the following information:	ith a nominated party acting on your behalf, please
The Name and address of your nominated representative:	
Relationship to you:	
PART 13 Local Housing Allowance	direct payment details
Your Signature  Date /	Ild like us to pay your Local Housing Allowance into:
If you have completed this section go to Part 15	
PART 14 Paying benefit	
Please note this section only applies to tenanta Housing Association.  We pay Housing Benefit every four weeks.  If you get Housing Benefit do you want payments to go to: yourself? your h	ousing association?
All evidence must be provided in the form of ORIGINAL documents. get the evidence we need straight away, do not worry. Send the form	

some more evidence later. If you do not send the form to us straight away, you may lose potential benefit/support.

PART 14 Paying benefit (continued)
If you want us to make payments direct to your landlord please complete the 'Direct payment of benefit to your landlord request' included in this claim form - see page 21.
If you want us to pay the money into your bank or building society account, please give us the following:
The name of the Account Holder the account number
the sort code
The name of the bank or building society
PART 15 Anything else you need to tell us
Use the box below to tell us anything else you think we should know about. Use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form if you need to.
If you are sending separate sheets of paper with this form, tell us how many
PART 16 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 being able to make an earlier claim. If you want us to conside paying your benefit from an earlier date, tell us when you want benefit from and why you could not claim earlier.
Date you want to claim benefit from
Tell us why you could not claim earlier, providing proof if possible.
Please provide as much information as possible in support of your request and provide supporting evidence where possible.

## PART 17 Examples of acceptable evidence

If you do not provide all the evidence we need, we might not be able to pay you any benefit. We need the same evidence for your partner, if you have one, and for any other adults living in your home.

#### **Evidence of identity**

Such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, passport, National Insurance Number card, medical card, driving licence, UK residence permit, EiC identity card or recent gas or electricity bill. We need to see two of these documents for each person.

#### **Immigration**

Please send us your proof of immigration status from the Home Office and your original passport.

#### **Evidence of National Insurance Number**

Such as a National Insurance Number card, payslips or letters from Department for Work and Pensions or the Inland Revenue.

#### Evidence of capital, savings and investments

Such as all your bank, building society or post office books, Paypal or internet accounts, full bank statements, or certificates for premium bonds, National Savings Certificates, ISAs, stocks, shares and unit trusts. We need to see evidence of any interest or dividends you get on investments and savings.

The evidence you send must show details for at least the last 2 months.

#### **Evidence of earnings**

This means your last 5 payslips if you are paid every week, your last 3 payslips if you are paid every 2 weeks, or your last 2 payslips if you are paid every month. If you do not have these payslips, please ask your employer to complete the certificate of earnings at the back of this form. 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 6 months, a summary of your trading record so far.

Evidence of non dependent earnings. (as above but only one payslip required)

#### **Evidence** of other income

Such as pension slips from a former employer, we need to see evidence of any money people pay you for board and lodgings. **Any other rent received from other properties.** 

#### Evidence of benefits, allowances and pensions

Such as current award notices or letters from Department for Work and Pensions/Inland Revenue confirming how much you get. If you do not have evidence, let us know straight away.

#### Evidence of private rent and tenancy

Such as a tenancy agreement, a letter from your landlord, a rent book or rent receipts.

#### Evidence of other money paid out

Such as receipts from registered child carers, or contributions into a private pension scheme.

## PART 17 Checklist Reminder

#### List of documents you will need

Please tick below the evidence you are sending with this form. We must see **original** documents, not copies. Please **DO NOT** send valuable items through the post. If you can, bring your documents into Customer Services, we will photocopy the details we need and return them to you immediately. If you cannot get into the office please telephone 0845 070 1066.

For you and your partner		State retirement pension	
National Insurance number		Widow's pension	
Student grant/loan award		Any other pension details	
Completion statement (if recently moved house)		Attendance allowance or disability living	
Proof of property for sale		allowance (care or mobility component)	
Date of entry to the UK (if not British)		Disability living allowance for child	
Home office letter		Income support	
Immigration Status		PCGC	
Payslips		If your child is registered blind	
Certificate of earnings		Registered child-minding costs	
Child Benefit		Paypal/internet accounts	
Working/disabled tax credit		Bank accounts/building society account/	
Child tax credit		post office account	
Jobseekers Allowance (Contribution based)		Any capital/savings/investments	
Incapacity benefit		Premium bonds/stocks/shares	
Employment Support Allowance		Any land owned/timeshare/other property	
Maternity allowance		Tenancy agreement	
Statutory sick pay (from DWP or employer)		Self employed trading accounts for last	
Carer's allowance		financial year	
Anyone who may receive carer's allowance for you		Self assessed income sheet	
Severe disablement allowance		Full time student/student nurse/care worker/	
Industrial injuries benefit		apprentice/youth training i.e loans, certificates,	
Training scheme		Training 2000 letter.	
Non Dependants			
Proof of any income/latest payslip		Any of the above benefits they may receive	
Student exemption certificate	Ħ		

#### Evidence needs to be in the form of an award or entitlement letter

### Changes you must notify us about

Notify us straight away 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, including benefits, changes;
- your capital, savings or investments change;
- 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;
- vou receive any decision from the home office; or
- anything you have told us about changes.

You **MUST** notify us about these changes in writing. If you don't notify us about these changes you may lose money you are entitled to or you may get too much benefit. Please note reporting any change to another organisation, a department of DWP or another department in the Council is **NOT** sufficient. It is an offence not to notify us about any change in circumstances that may affect your benefit. We may take court action against you and if we pay you too much benefit, you will probably have to pay it back.

## PART 18 Declaration

#### How we collect and use information

We will use the information you give on the form, and any supporting evidence you sent us to process your claim for Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support and Free School Meals (where applicable).

We may pass the information to the Department for Work and Pensions and the HM Revenue & Customs as allowed by law.

We may check information you have provided, or information about you that someone else has provided, with other information held by us. We may also get information about you from certain third parties, or give them information to:

- make sure the information; and
- prevent or detect crime; and
- protect public funds.

By law, we must give out some information if we are asked by, for example, the Department for Work and Pensions, HM Revenues & Customs and the Audit Commission. We will also give details of who lives at your address to the Electoral Registration Officer to help to get the electoral roll right.

The Council may use your details to deal with the licensing of private properties, to check school attendance, to collect debts such as council rents and council tax, and to prevent and detect fraud. We may share the details with other organisations that inspect or handle public funds, and a credit reference agency. This is to help work out and pay benefits, collect council tax and prevent and detect fraud. We will give out information to prevent or detect crime if this is necessary.

When you sign this form you give us permission to make any enquiries to check your details, including checking with other sources within the Council, The Pension Service, Jobcentre Plus, HM Revenues & Customs, the Valuation Office Agency, providers of specialist hostels for homeless people, and other Council's.

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council is the data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. If you want to know more about what information we have about you, or the way we use it, please ask us.

Even if someone else has filled in this form for you, you must sign this declaration if you can. If you have a partner, they <u>MUST</u> sign below to confirm all details about them are correct.

Please read the declaration carefully before you sign and date it.

#### I understand the following:

- If I give information that is incorrect or incomplete, you may take action against me. This may include court action.
- You will use the information I have provided to process my claim for Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support, or Free School Meals.
- You may check some of the information with other sources as allowed by the law.
- You may use any information I have provided in connection with this and any other claim for benefits that I have made or may make. You may give some information to some government departments, local authorities and organisations that may lend me money, if the law allows this.
- I have read, or had read to me, and understand the information on this form.

I know I must let the council know about any change in our circumstances which might affect my claim. I declare the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.

Signature of person claiming			Date		
Partner's Signature			Date		
If this form has been filled in by someone other than the person claiming please tell us why you are filling in this form for the person claiming					
As far as possible, I ha	ive confirmed with the person claiming that the a	answers I have written on	this form are corre	ect	
Name of the person who filled in the fo	rm	Signature of the person			
Relationship to the person claiming			Date		

## Direct payment of benefit to your landlord request

If you want us to pay your benefit straight to your landlord you must sign this declaration.

#### This is not for Local Housing Allowance claimants

#### 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 in my 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 in circumstances.

#### We will not give your landlord any information about:

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

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

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

Housing Bene	efit claim with	my landlord o	r their rep	resentative.				
<b>Signature</b>					Dat	e		
Name [								
Address								
				Postcode				
Now ask your	· landlord to si	gn this agreen	nent					
Landlord's name					Landlo Refere			
Name of your (not required in Ref. given) Address of you Name the acco	f Landlord r bank				Postcod	9		
Account numb	er				Sort code			
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Landlord's Signature Landlord's Address					Dat	e		

## Employers certificate of earnings - For completion by your employer

Reference number	,	If you do not have payslips please ask your employer to fill in this earnings					
Name	certificate.						
Address	When you have filled this form in, please return it to:						
Occupation	Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, Benefits Service,						
Works or clock number	ADMAIL 3860, Blackburn BB1 1WB						
Please ask the employer to fill in the details below.  Please help us by filling in this form and returning it to your employee. Please fill in the amounts for the last 5 weeks (if they are paid every week) or the last 2 months (if they are paid every month)							
National Insurance number		Date s work	tarted				
	National nsurance			ıx late	Workplace Pension		
Gross pay to date £ Month or week number							
1 When is the next pay increase due?							
2 How do you pay this employee? Cash	Straight int	o their bank	account		Cheque		
Other Please give details							
3 Do you make bonus payments? Yes	No	]					
if 'Yes' how much and how often?		every					
4 What is their normal basic pay each week?							
How many hours do they usually work each week?	How many hours of overtime do they usually work each week?						
Company details  What is the name and address of your company?  Company stamp - must be stamped by employer							
What is the name and address of your company?	Comp	any stamp -	must be	stamped	d by employer		
What is the phone number?							
Employer's signature	Print i	name					

## Part 18 - Monitoring our services

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council works towards eliminating discrimination and promoting equal opportunities. Collecting the following information can help us achieve this. Data collected will be used to help us to plan and deliver services more effectively to individuals and service users. It will also be used to report on the needs of different groups of people. Information provided will be treated confidentially in accordance with the data protection act 1998.

Are you?						
Male Female						
What is your age group?						
16 - 24 25 - 59 60 and over						
How would you describe your eth	nic origin?					
White	Black or Black British	Mixed Race/Dual Heritage				
British Irish Any other white background	African Caribbean Any other Black background	White and Asian White and Black African White and Black Caribbean Any other mixed background				
Asian or Asian British	Chinese	,				
Bangladeshi Indian Pakistani Any other Asian background	Chinese					
Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?						
The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 defines disability as a "physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities".						
No Yes If you have answered yes pleas (you may tick more than one)	e tick which of the following apply:					
A physical impairment A visual impairment A hearing impairment	Mental health issues A learning difficulty A specific learning difficulty	Deaf BSL user Long term condition For example: diabetes, multiple sclerosis, living with HIV or cancer				

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with this monitoring information