Claiming Housing Benefit if you are renting from a relative or friend

This form must be filled in by someone claiming Housing Benefit who is renting their property from a relative or friend.

About you

First name .................................................................................................................................

Last name ...............................................................................................................................

Daytime phone number ..........................................................................................................

Email address ..........................................................................................................................

Address ..................................................................................................................................

Benefit claim number (if known) ..........................................................................................

Postcode: .................................................................................................................................

Reason for moving

Why did you move into your current property?

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Did you look at any other properties before deciding to rent your current home? Yes  No

Was the property advertised publicly? Yes  No

Has the property been rented out before? Yes  No

Tenancy details

Do you have a written tenancy agreement? Yes  No

If you have a written tenancy agreement, please send us a copy with this form
If you don’t have a written tenancy agreement, please give details of the agreement that you have reached with your landlord

How was the amount of rent charged decided?

Would the amount of rent charged be different if you didn’t claim Housing Benefit?

Please give details of the deposit paid and where this is deposited

Payment of rent

Please give details of all rent payments made to date.

Please send proof of any payments that you have made with this form

Are you in arrears with your rent?  Yes  No

If yes, what arrangements have been made to clear these arrears?

Is the rent charge reduced if you aren’t working?  Yes  No

Will you be able to stay in the property if Housing Benefit is refused?  Yes  No
Tenancy terms

Who is responsible for the upkeep of the property?

Who pays for the buildings and contents insurance for the property?

Does the landlord hold the keys for the property? Yes No

Is the landlord able to enter the property without your permission? Yes No

Declaration

Please make sure you have filled in all parts of this form and signed it.

I declare that the information I have given is correct. I understand that if I give information that is false, I may be prosecuted.

Signature of the person applying: Date: / /

The section below must be filled in if someone has filled in the application form for you. This includes an agent, appointee, relative or friend.

I have filled in this form on behalf of

As they can't fill in the form because

I am (block capitals please)

Relationship to the person applying

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

Your signature: Date: / /

Once you have filled in this form and signed the declaration please return it to your local authority

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Dover District Council
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Thanet District Council
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