

Council Tax Reduction Application Form - Universal Credit Claimants Only

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When filling in this form you must answer **all** questions unless told to miss questions or sections out. Use dark blue or black ink and if you make a mistake, cross it out and put the right answer next to it.

Part 1 About you and your partner

On this form, by partner we mean someone of the opposite sex or same sex who is either -

- a person you are married to or
- a person you live with as if you are married to them

Do you have a partner wh	o normally lives with you? No Yes	If you have a partner, you must answer all the questions about them, as well as yourself.
	You	Your partner
Surname or family name		
Other names		
Any other names you have used		
Title Mr, Mrs, Miss, other		
Address you are applying for, including room number. Do not tell us your partner's address if it is the same as yours.	Postcode	Postcode
What date did you move to this address?		
		If your partner has not moved in yet, tell us when they expect to move in. You must then tell us in writing when they have actually moved in.
Your phone number	Daytime Mobile	Daytime Mobile
What is this number? Please tick.	Home Work Textphone	Home Work Textphone
e-mail address		
Date of birth		
National Insurance (NI) number You can find this on payslips or	Letters Numbers Letter	Letters Numbers Letter
letters from social security or the tax office. We need to see proof of this.	If you do not have an NI number, or cannot find it, tick this box.	If your partner does not have a NI number, or cannot find it, tick this box.

If this is your first Council Tax Reduction application with Hull City Council we'll need to see proof of your identity and National Insurance number.

Part 1 About you and your partner continued

You	Your partner
Tell us your previous address (this is the address you are	e living at or have lived at before the one you are applying for)
Postcode	Postcode
Date you moved or are due to move out of this address?	
Were you the homeowner, a private tenant, a council tenan	nt or a lodger at this address?
Are you registered blind? Yes No	Yes No
If yes, please give your registration number	
What is your nationality?	
Have you continuously lived in the UK for at Yes No Please tell u least the last 5 years?	s about it below Yes No Please tell us about it below
On what date did you last enter and apply to stay in the UK?	
Which country have you moved from?	
Please provide any evidences you/your partner have which show yo	ou are eligible to apply, for example, Passport or Home Office documents.
Part 2 About where you live	
Are you temporarily living away from home at the moment?	No Yes
If yes, why are you not living at home?	
When did you last live at home? / /	When do you expect to go back home? / /
What is the address of where you are living at the	
moment?	
	Postcode
Have you sublet your home?	No Yes
If yes, who lives there now?	
Do you have a main home somewhere else in the UK o	or abroad? Tick Yes, even if you do not pay rent for it.
No Yes If yes, What is the address?	
	Postcode
Do you pay rent on this home? No Yes	How much? £ every
Do you own your home or have a mortgage? No	Yes
Are you a joint tenant with someone No	Yes Tell us the details below.
other than your partner?	
and or your partner.	s than your monthly rental liability you may be able to receive further help
via a Discretionary Housing Payment. Please telephone 01482 300 30	

Part 3 About children

Are there any children currently living in your household?

By children we mean anyone currently living in your household who is:

• under 16 • aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 and either in education, doing a course not higher than GCE A-level, SCE Higher level or GNVQ Advanced, or on an approved government training course.

If there are more than three children, please use a separate sheet to tell us all the information we ask below and send it with the form.

If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box

	First child	Second child	Third child
Surname or family name			
Other names			
Date of birth	/ /	<i>I I</i>	/ /
What is the child's gender?	Male Female	Male Female	Male Female
The child's relationship to you			
The child's relationship to your partner			
Usual address, if different from yours			
Who gets the Child Benefit for them?	You Your partner Someone else	You Your partner Someone else	You Your partner Someone else
If someone else, tell us their name and address			
Is your child registered blind?	No Yes We need to see proof of this.	No Yes We need to see proof of this.	No Yes We need to see proof of this.
Does the child get Disability Living Allowance/Personal	No Yes How much?	No Yes How much?	No Yes How much?
Independence Payment?	Care/Daily living £	Care/Daily living £	Care/Daily living £
	Mobility £	Mobility £	Mobility £
_	We need to see proof of this.	We need to see proof of this.	We need to see proof of this.
	ny childminding costs for this chi No Yes	ld to a registered childminder, a n No Yes	No Yes
If yes, tell us the name and registration number of the minder and how much you pay them per week.	£ a week	£ a week	£ a week

We need to see proof of this.

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at the moment?

Do any adults usually live with you and your partner? By adults we mean people over 16 who pobody gets Child Benefit for D

By adults we mean people over 16	6 who nobody	gets Child Benefit for. D	o not tell us a	bout people who just sha	are a bathroor	n, hall or toilet with you.
No Go to Part 5 Yes	Fill in th	is section				
	Fir	st person	Sec	ond person	Tł	nird person
Title Mr, Mrs, Miss, other						
What is their gender?	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Surname or family name						
Other names						
National Insurance Number						
Date of birth				1 1		/ /
Their relationship to you or your partner						
Some examples are aunt, b subtenant, lodger, boarder o		ghter, father, grands	on, grandn	nother, stepdaughter,	joint tenan	t, joint owner,
Do they get Income Support,	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit,	If "Yes" which?		lf "Yes" w	If "Yes" which?		hich?
Income-related Employment and Support Allowance or						
Universal Credit?						
Do they get Disability Living Allowance, Attendance	No	Yes How much?	No	Yes How much?	No	Yes How much?
Allowance or Personal Independence Payments?	£	a week	£	a week	£	a week
	Tell us wh	ich	Tell us w	nich	Tell us wh	lich
Are they registered blind?	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Are they a full-time student, a student		Yes Tell us which	No	Yes	No	Yes

nurse, a care worker, an apprentice or on youth training?								
Do they pay rent or money for board and	No	Yes How much?	No	Yes	How much?	No	Yes	How much?
lodgings to you or your	£	a week	£		a week	£		a week
partner?								
Does this include money for food?	No	Yes	No	Yes		No	Yes	
Are they severely mentally impaired?	No	Yes	No	Yes		No	Yes	
Are they in legal custody	No	Yes	No	Yes		No	Yes	

Part 4 About othe	er people who live wi	th you continued	Page 5
	First person	Second person	Third person
Are they in hospital at the moment?	No Yes I	No Yes If yes, tell us about it below.	No Yes In It below.
Do they normally work for 16 hours or more a week?	No Yes If yes, tell us about their earnings before any deductions £ every	No Yes If yes, tell us about their earnings before any deductions £ every	No Yes If yes, tell us about their earnings before any deductions £ every
	d us about already on this form a	We need to see proof of their earnings out ALL other income they have and interest from savings and inve No Yes	No Yes
1 What is this income?	If yes, tell us about it below.	If yes, tell us about it below.	If yes, tell us about it below.
How much is it before deductions?	£ every	£ every	£ every
2 What is this income?			
How much is it before deductions?	£ every	£ every	£ every
3 What is this income?			
How much is it before deductions?	£ every	£ every	£ every
	We need to see proof of their income	We need to see proof of their income	We need to see proof of their income

ticked 'YES' in this part of the form

You Yes

Part 5 About Savings and Capital

We need to know if you or your partner have any savings investments or property in the UK or Abroad.

Do you and your partner have capital or savings No Go to Part 6 Yes Please give details below. over £6000?
Tell us the different accounts, stocks/shares bonds etc that you and your partner have including account numbers and amounts.

Apart from your home, do you or your partner own any other property or land? If it is on a mortgage or loan, still tick Yes

No

No Your partner Yes

We may ask to see evidence of any savings, investments or property. Read the checklist at Part 10 Page 8 to see what you can use as evidence.

Apart from Universal credit, do you or your partner receive or expect to receive any other money?

This includes earnings, other benefits, occupational pensions, work pensions and private pensions, maintenance for you or your partner, money from a trust fund, personal injury payments, training allowances, a student grant, bursary or loan, and any cash payments. Also tell us about any money you get from people living in your house such as boarders, lodgers or subtenants.

	No Go to Part 7	Yes		ow. You do not need to tell us about Living Fund, the Eileen Trust or the
	Other money 1		Other money 2	Other money 3
Who gets the money? for example you, your partner				
Where does the money come from? for example, works pension, student grant				
How much do you / they get?	£	5	2	£
How often?, for example, every week or month	Every	E	Every	Every
How is this paid? for example, cheque, BACS, cash,				

We must see evidence of any money coming in before we can decide how much help you may get. Read the Checklist at Part 10, Page 8 to see what you can use as evidence.

Part 7 Backdating

We can usually award Council Tax Reduction from the Monday after the day we receive your application. Sometimes we can pay from an earlier date if you have a good reason for not applying earlier. If you want us to consider paying from an earlier date please answer the following questions.

What date would you like your award to start from?

For this earlier period, were your circumstances the same as on this form?

/	/
No	Yes

If no, please explain what your circumstances were.

Tell us why you did not apply earlier. We will not be able to consider backdating your application unless you give good reason for the delay in applying. If you need more space please continue on a separate sheet.

Part 8 Anything else you need to tell us

Please use this space to tell us anything else you think we should know about. This must include details of

- · any tips or bonuses received
- anything you know may happen in the near future that could affect your Council Tax Reduction. For example you have a child or change jobs
- any other circumstances we need to know about that you have not told us about already on this form.

If you need more space use a separate sheet of paper. If you are sending a separate sheet of paper please tick this box

Part 9 Declaration

Please read this declaration carefully before you sign and date it. Even if someone else has filled in this form for you, you must sign the declaration if you can

- I declare that the information I have given is true and complete.
- I am aware it is an offence to deliberately make a false statement or withhold information in order to obtain Council Tax Reduction and to do so could result in Hull City Council taking action against me. This may include court action which could lead to prosecution.
- I agree that the information I have provided with this application will be used to process this, or any other application made to Hull City Council for financial assistance, and that you may check some of the information with other sources as allowed by the law.
- I understand that you may use any information I have provided in connection with any other application for benefits/Tax Credits that I have made or will make with any government department, and that Information may be passed to other organisations, where the law allows this.
- I agree to let you know immediately, in writing, about about any change in my circumstances which might affect my Council Tax Reduction.
- I understand that my Council Tax account will be adjusted where I have received too much Council Tax Reduction.
- I understand that in order for Hull City Council to discuss my claim with my partner, who is included in my claim, they must sign in the partner's signature box below.

Signature of person or official appointee	Partner's signature
Date / /	Date / /
If this form has been filled in by someone other than the per- filling in this form.	son applying or an official appointee, tell us why you are
I declare that as far as possible, I have confirmed with the p	person applying that the answers on this form are correct.
Name of the person who filled in the form	Relationship to the person applying
Signature	
	Date / /

Please tick to say what evidence you are providing with this form for you and your partner (if you have one). We must see original documents, not copies.

On this form, by partner we mean someone of the opposite sex or same sex who is either -

- a person you are married to or
- a person you live with as if you are married to them

Please do not send valuable items through the post. You can, bring them to any Hull City Council Customer Service Centre where we will take the details we need and give you the documents back straight away.

If you cannot get into the office, phone us on 01482 **300 303** or textphone 01482 **300 349** for more advice.

If you do not provide all the evidence we need, we might not be able to award you any CouncilTax Reduction.

If you cannot provide the evidence we need at the moment, return the completed form to us now and provide the evidence later. We can start to process your application but cannot make a decision until we have all the evidence

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Evidence of identity	you	your partner			
Such as a Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate, Civil Partnership Certificate, Pass Card, Medical Card, Driving Licence, UK Residence Permit, EEC Identity Card or We may need to see several of these documents for each person. If you and your partner (where applicable) have made a claim for Housing and/or Reduction with Hull City Council before, you do not have to provide this.	recent Gas	or Electricity Bill.			
Evidence of your address	you	your partner			
Such as a recent utility bill.					
Evidence of National Insurance number	you	your partner			
Such as a National Insurance number card, payslips or letters from social security If you and your partner (where applicable) have made a claim for Housing and/or Reduction with Hull City Council before, you do not have to provide this.					
Evidence of capital, savings and investments	you	your partner			
Such as your full up to date bank, building society or post office statements. Certificates for premium bonds, National savings certificates, ISAs, stocks, shares and unit trusts. We will need to see evidence of any interest or dividends you get on investments and savings. The evidence you send must show all details for the last two months.					
Evidence of earnings	you	your partner			
We also need this for any other adults living in your home. This means the last five payslips, if paid weekly, the last three if paid fortnightly or monthly. If it is self employment, we need to see accounts for the last financial yea months, a summary of trading records so far. We can supply self employed forms Please ring 01482 300 303 or visit the nearest Customer Service Centre.	ar or if tradi	ng for less than six			
Evidence of other income	you	your partner			
We also need this for any other adults living in your home.					
Such as pension slips from a former employer or a letter from the courts regarding maintenance received. We will also need to see evidence of any money people may pay you for board and lodgings.					
Evidence of benefits, allowances or pensions	you	your partner			
We also need this for any other adults living in your home. Such as current award notices or letters from The Department for Work and Pens get. If you do not have evidence, let us know straight away.	ions confirn	ning how much you			

Part 11 What to do next

You should have:-

- Filled in the application form, having answered **all** questions unless told to miss questions or sections out.
- Ticked the relevant boxes on the Checklist at Part 10, and collected any evidence to support you application.
- Read and signed the Declaration at Part 9.
- Completed the Customer receipt at the bottom of this page.

Once you have completed the form:

You can either:

- Send the form along with your evidences to us at: FREEPOST RSJC-KKBE-ABXZ, Revenues and Benefits, Hull City Council, PO Box 15, Hull HU1 2AA.
- Hand your completed form with your evidences to any Hull City Council Customer Service Centre or Information point. **Remember do not send** valuable items (such as your passport) through the post.

Important note: Once completed, do not delay in returning this form to us. If you need to provide evidence at a later date, return the application form straight away then provide the evidences when they are available.

How your local council collects and uses information

Hull City Council Revenues and Benefits Service will use the information and evidence you have provided with this application for its intended purpose and may pass relevant information to other agencies or government departments where this is allowed by the law. We may check information you have provided, or information about you that someone else has provided, with other information we hold. We may also get information about you from certain third parties, or give information to them to:

make sure the information is accurate
 revent or detect crime
 and protect public funds

These third parties include government departments, other local authorities and private-sector organisations such as banks and organisations that may lend you money.

We will not give information about you to anyone else, or use information about you for other purposes, unless the law allows this.

Kingston upon Hull City Council is the data controller for the purposes of Data Protection legislation.

If you want to know more about what information Hull City Council Benefits Service has about you, or the way we use that information, please ask us.

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CUSTOMER RECEIPT

Council Tax Reduction Application

Please enter your name and address in the box below if you wish to have this receipt of your Application Form. If you do not receive this receipt within 10 working days, please contact us.

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Your Name		For office use only
Your Address		
	Postcode	

This receipt can be used as proof that an application form has been received by Hull City Council

Part 11 What to do next continued

About Changes and Reviews

If you are entitled to Council Tax Reduction you must notify the Housing Benefits Service immediately in writing about any change in your circumstances that may affect your award. Failure to do so may result in you losing some or all of your entitlement. Where you have received too much, you will be asked to pay this back. We may review your entitlement at any time by whatever reasonable means the Council see fit. For example, by a home visit.

Changes you must tell us about

- your partner moves into or out of your household
- · any of your children leave school or leave home
- · anyone moves into or out of your home, including lodgers and sub-tenants
- · your income or the income of anyone living with you changes, this includes benefits
- · your capital or savings 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 changes or leaves a job
- · you move address
- · you start to pay child care costs or the amount you pay changes
- you or your partner are going to be temporarily absent from your home for more than a month
- you or anyone living with you starts work
- · you receive any decision from the Home Office, or
- · anything you have told us about changes

This is not a full list. If you are not sure, ask us for advice. You must tell us about any changes in writing immediately, a phone call is not enough. Do not rely on someone else to pass the message on.

Ways of advising us about Changes in Circumstances

- · A signed letter
- A signed and completed Housing Benefit / Council Tax Reduction Change in Circumstances form

These forms are available from any HCC Customer Service Centre/Information Point, or you can download the forms from the Hull City Council website or have one posted to you by ringing the call centre on 01482 300 303.

telephoning 01482 300 303

- using our text phone facility 01482 300 349
- by faxing us at 01482 613 680
- e-mailing: benefitssr@hullcc.gov.uk
- visiting our website: www.hullcc.gov.uk
- In Person by visiting any Hull City Council Customer Service Centre or Information Point. Please telephone 01482 300 303 for details of the nearest of these facilities.
- writing to: FREEPOST RSJC-KKBE-ABXZ, Revenues and Benefits, Hull City Council, P.O. Box 15, Hull HU1 2AA.

Contacting Hull City Council Benefits Service

Please read these notes carefully before filling in your application form.

Filling in the form

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Answer No or Yes by putting a tick (\checkmark) in the relevant box. If you are picking from a list of answers tick the appropriate box. **Do not put a cross (x) in any boxes**

If someone else fills in the form for you, they must also sign the declaration in Part 9.

If you need help to fill in the form

If you need any help, contact us by ringing 01482 **300 303**, textphone 01482 **300 349** or by going to any Customer Service Centre or Information Point, or you can get in touch with an organisation like the Citizens Advice Bureau. You can find their phone number and address in the phone book.

Evidences

We will need to see evidence of some of the things you write about on the form. There is a checklist in Part 10 of the form to help you. If you are not sure if we need to see proof of something, please contact us by ringing 01482 **300 303** or by visiting any Customer Service Centre or Information Point. We will not be able to make an award until we have seen all relevant evidences.

For further information about all of the above your can visit our website at www.hullcc.gov.uk