

Employment and Support Allowance

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Department for
Work and Pensions

Claim form and notes about how to claim

How to claim

The best way to make a claim is by phone.

Please contact us on **0800 055 6688**.

Calls to 0800 numbers are free from BT landlines but you may have to pay if you use another phone company, a mobile or if you are calling from abroad.

If you have speech or hearing difficulties you can contact us using a textphone on **0800 023 4888**.

You can ask a friend or relative or an organisation that you know and trust to help you, or contact Jobcentre Plus.

This form is available in Welsh if you live in Wales. If you wish to speak to us in Welsh, please contact us on **0800 012 1888**.

About this form

You may not get Employment and Support Allowance if you do not

- answer all the questions on the form that apply to you and your partner, if you have one, and
- send us the completed claim form and all the documents we ask for straight away.

If you are unable to do this, please tell us why in **Part 21 Other information**. Sometimes we may still be able to deal with your claim.

You should send your claim form back to us within **one month** of the date it was sent to you.

If you do not, you may only get benefit from the date you give us all the information we need.

**Please read the notes before you fill in this form. They will help you decide what to claim.
Please fill in this form with BLACK INK and in CAPITALS.**

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For our use:

Office code

Issue date

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Notes

What is Employment and Support Allowance?

Employment and Support Allowance is a social security benefit for people who have an illness or a disability.

You may be able to get Employment and Support Allowance if you have an illness or disability, and you

- are unemployed, **or**
- are self-employed, **or**
- work for an employer but you cannot get Statutory Sick Pay, **or**
- have been getting Statutory Sick Pay but it has now stopped.

Statutory Sick Pay is money employers pay to employees who are away from work for 4 days or more in a row because of their illness or disability.

Waiting Days

Normally, you will not get any Employment and Support Allowance for the first 7 days from when you want to claim. These are called **waiting days**. Not everyone has to serve waiting days, for example, claimants who have been on Employment and Support Allowance at any time in the previous 12 weeks.

Work capability assessments

We may ask you to take part in a work capability assessment. By 'work capability assessment' we mean

- filling in and returning a questionnaire, and
- going to a medical assessment.

We will contact you about this. If you do not fill in the form or take part in an assessment, we may stop your benefit.

Work focused interviews

We may ask you to go to work focused interviews that will help you get back into work. We will contact you about these. If you do not take part in these interviews, we may reduce your benefit.

Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance

You may get contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance if you have paid or been credited with enough class 1 or class 2 National Insurance contributions in the last two relevant tax years.

Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance may be limited to a maximum of 365 days depending on the outcome of your Work Capability Assessment.

Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance is paid at a basic rate for the first 13 weeks. We will then pay your benefit at a rate based on your work capability assessment. We call the first 13 weeks that we pay your benefit your 'assessment phase'.

Sometimes you cannot get contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance based on your United Kingdom (UK) National Insurance contributions. But you may be able to get contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance if you have worked outside the UK.

We may reduce your contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance if you get

- other social security benefits
- a personal or occupational pension
- a public service pension.

Your savings will not affect your contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance.

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

You may get income-related Employment and Support Allowance if you do not have enough money coming in.

You can claim income-related Employment and Support Allowance for

- you and your partner
- some housing costs
- special needs. For example, if you or a member of your family have a disability.

We may reduce your income-related Employment and Support Allowance if you or anyone you are claiming for has

- savings over £6,000
- money coming in each week. For example
 - earnings from part-time work
 - other social security benefits
 - if you have a partner who is working less than 24 hours a week and has earnings
 - personal or occupational pensions.

You will not be entitled to income-related Employment and Support Allowance if your partner is working more than 24 hours a week or they have savings in excess of £16,000.

If you are claiming for a partner

We may ask your partner to go for work focused interviews. If we need your partner to go for an interview, we will contact them after you have been getting income-related Employment and Support Allowance for 26 weeks or more.

If they do not take part in these interviews, it may affect your benefit.

We use 'partner' to mean

- a person you live with who is your husband, wife or civil partner, or
- a person you live with as if you are a married couple.

Notes continued

If you have claimed Employment and Support Allowance before

If you have claimed ESA before and we decided during your last claim that you were capable of doing some type of work, we will ask you to provide evidence to show that

- you have a new illness, disability or health condition, or
- the effect your illness, disability or health condition now has on your ability to do some work has significantly worsened since we last assessed you.

We will try and contact you within the next 7 days if possible. This will either be by phone or in writing.

Child Tax Credit

Employment and Support Allowance does not include money for children or qualifying young persons. But you can claim Child Tax Credit.

To find out more about Child Tax Credit visit

www.gov.uk/browse/benefits

You can also phone HM Revenue & Customs about Child Tax Credit on **0345 300 3900**.

If you have speech or hearing difficulties you can contact them using a textphone on

0345 300 3909.

Lines are open from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and from 8am to 4pm on Saturday. Lines are closed Sundays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

If you need help or a form in Welsh, please phone

0300 200 1900. Lines are open 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

We use 'child' to mean a person aged under 16 who you are getting Child Benefit for.

We use 'qualifying young person' to mean a person aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 who you are getting Child Benefit for.

Medical statements

If you are getting Statutory Sick Pay, please send us your current medical statement with your claim.

'Medical statements' are also known as medical certificates, doctor's statements or sick notes.

If you are not entitled to Statutory Sick Pay, you do not normally need to get a medical statement for the first 7 days of your illness or disability. From the 8th day you will need to get a medical statement from your doctor and send it to us.

How the Department for Work and Pensions collects and uses information

When we collect information about you we may use it for any of our purposes. These include dealing with:

- social security benefits and allowances
- child support
- employment and training
- financial planning for retirement
- occupational and personal pension schemes.

We may get information about you from others for any of our purposes if the law allows us to do so. We may also share information with certain other organisations if the law allows us to.

To find out more about how we use information, visit our website at

www.gov.uk/dwp/personal-information-charter or contact any of our offices.

Our service standards

At Jobcentre Plus we aim to provide a high standard of customer service at all times. Details of the standard of service you can expect from us can be found at **www.gov.uk**

You can access our website from many libraries.

For more information please contact Jobcentre Plus.

More information

To find out more, ask for a leaflet about Employment and Support Allowance from Jobcentre Plus. Or visit

www.gov.uk/browse/benefits

Before you fill in this form

To help us process your claim more quickly,
please answer the questions below.

a Do you get any special medical treatment?

By 'special medical treatment' we mean

- dialysis
- radiotherapy
- chemotherapy
- plasmapheresis
- total parenteral nutrition for gross impairment of enteric function.

No ☐ Please go to question **b**.

Yes ☐

b Are you employed by an employer, even if you are not working at the moment?

No ☐

Yes ☐ If you have more than one job,
please tell us how many.

c Have any of your employers given you a form SSP1?

No ☐ You may be able to get Statutory Sick Pay instead of Employment and Support Allowance. Ask your employer about Statutory Sick Pay **before you fill in this form**.

Yes ☐ You must send us a **separate** form **SSP1** for **each** job you do along with this form.

Part 1: About your claim

What date do you want to claim Employment and Support Allowance from?

We will need more information if the date you put here is before the date you first got in touch with us.

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To help you decide which parts of the form to fill in, answer the question below and follow the instructions.

Claim **income-related** Employment and Support Allowance

- if you think you cannot get contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance
- if you think that contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance will not be enough to live on
- to get money for your partner, if your partner works less than 24 hours a week
- to get help with your housing costs, or
- if you and your partner have savings of £16,000 or less.

Do you want to claim **income-related** Employment and Support Allowance?

Tick **Yes** if you are not sure.

If you do not claim income-related Employment and Support Allowance now, but then ask for it at a later date, we may only pay it from that later date.

No ☐ Only fill in the answer boxes under **You** on pages 2 to 24. Then go to page 45.

Yes ☐ Fill in the answer boxes under **You** and **Your partner** on pages 2 to 24. Then read the notes on page 25 and fill in pages 26 to 51.

Do you have a partner?

We use ‘partner’ to mean

- a person you live with who is your husband, wife or civil partner, or
- a person you live with as if you are a married couple.

No ☐ Please go to **Part 2**.

Yes ☐ Does your partner agree to you making this claim?

No ☐ Still tell us **as much as you can** about your partner. We will get in touch with you about this.

Yes ☐ Your partner may need to go to a work focused interview if you are claiming for them.

Part 2: About you and your partner

Surname

Other names

Any other surnames you have been known by

Title

Date of birth

National Insurance (NI) number

You can get this from payslips or from tax papers.

Address

Please tell us your address, and tell us your partner's address, if it is different.

Address, if different in the last 3 years

If you need to tell us about more than one other address, use the space in **Part 21 Other information**.

Mobile phone number

Daytime phone number, if different

Nationality

For example, British.

You

Everyone must fill in this column.

Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Other title

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Letters Numbers Letter

Postcode

Postcode

Code

Number

work ☐ home ☐

Your partner

Fill in this column if you have a partner and want to claim income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Other title

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Letters Numbers Letter

Postcode

Postcode

Code

Number

work ☐ home ☐

Part 2: About you and your partner continued

If you are homeless but have a temporary address, even if this changes from day-to-day, please tick this box.

If you are homeless and have nowhere to live at all, please tick this box.

You

☐ Please say where we can get in touch with you in the address box below.

☐ Please say where we can get in touch with you.

Postcode

Your partner

☐ Please say where we can get in touch with them in the address box below.

☐ Please say where we can get in touch with them.

Postcode

What is your marital or civil partnership status?
Tick all the boxes that apply. If you tick more than one box, please tell us why in **Part 21 Other information**.

☐ Married or civil partner

☐ Divorced or civil partnership dissolved

☐ Single

☐ Separated

☐ Living together

☐ Widowed or surviving civil partner

Date became widowed or surviving civil partner

/ /

☐ Married or civil partner

☐ Divorced or civil partnership dissolved

☐ Single

☐ Separated

☐ Living together

☐ Widowed or surviving civil partner

Date became widowed or surviving civil partner

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Are you expecting a baby?
If you are expecting a baby or have a child under four, you may qualify for Healthy Start vouchers and vitamins. Call the Healthy Start helpline on **0845 607 6823** or visit **www.healthystart.nhs.uk** for an application leaflet.

No ☐

Yes ☐ What date is the baby due?

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No ☐

Yes ☐ What date is the baby due?

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Have you had a baby in the 39 weeks before the date you are claiming from?

No ☐

Yes ☐ What date was the baby born?

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No ☐

Yes ☐ What date was the baby born?

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Part 3: About your illness or disability

What date did your illness or disability start? Please give brief details of your illness or disability	You	Your partner
Name of the doctor who signs your medical statements Address of the doctor who signs your medical statements Phone number of the doctor who signs your medical statements	Postcode CodeNumber	Postcode CodeNumber
Are you getting Statutory Sick Pay? Are you entitled to Statutory Sick Pay? If you are not sure, please ask your employer.	No ☐ Please go to the next question. Yes ☐ Please send your current medical statement to us. Go to the next page. No ☐ Ask your doctor for a medical statement from the 8th day of your illness or disability, and send it to us. Yes ☐	

Part 3: About your illness or disability continued

Have you been in hospital as an in-patient in the last 52 weeks?

Name and address of hospital

Date you went in to hospital

Have you come out of hospital?

Are you due to go into hospital in the next 3 months?

Have you ever been registered or certified as blind or severely sight impaired with

- a local authority in England or Wales, or
- a regional or islands council in Scotland?

Has your local authority or council removed you from the register?

You

No ☐

Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

Postcode

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No ☐

Yes ☐ Date you came out of hospital

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No ☐

Yes ☐ Date you are due to go into hospital

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No ☐

Yes ☐ Please tell us the name of the local authority or council.

No ☐

Yes ☐ Date your local authority removed you from the register

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Your partner

No ☐

Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

Postcode

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No ☐

Yes ☐ Date they came out of hospital

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No ☐

Yes ☐ Date they are due to go into hospital

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No ☐

Yes ☐ Please tell us the name of the local authority or council.

No ☐

Yes ☐ Date your local authority removed them from the register

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Part 4: Special rules

Special rules are for people who, because of their condition, are not expected to live longer than 6 months.

If you claim under special rules, **you will be able to get your benefit more quickly and easily.**

Do you think that the special rules apply to you?

Have you already asked for a **DS1500 Report** for your claim for Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment?

Have you already sent the **DS1500 Report** with your claim for Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment?

You

No ☐ Go to **Part 5 About work.**

Yes ☐ Ask your doctor or specialist for a **DS1500 Report.**

The **DS1500 Report** is a report about your medical condition. You will not have to pay for it.

You can ask the doctor's receptionist, or nurse, or a social worker to arrange this for you. You do not have to see the doctor. You should be given the **DS1500 Report** straight away. Ask for the report in a sealed envelope if you do not want anyone to see it.

If you cannot get your **DS1500 Report** in time, claim Employment and Support Allowance anyway. Then give us the **DS1500 Report** as soon as you can.

No ☐

Yes ☐ You do not need to get another **DS1500 Report.** Send the **DS1500 Report** with your claim for Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment.

No ☐

Yes ☐

Part 5: About work

We need to know about work you are doing now.

We need to know about any

- work for an employer or self-employed work
- full-time or part-time work
- permanent or casual work
- unpaid work or paid work
- work as a company director
- time spent on Work-Based Training for Young People, or Skillseekers in Scotland.

Are you working at the moment?

If you are temporarily absent from work due to illness, or you do voluntary work, then still tick **Yes**.

Date the work started

If you are no longer working, date you last worked

Number of hours a week you usually work

Number of days a week you usually work

Number of hours a week you currently work

Number of days a week you currently work

Employer's name

Employer's address

Employer's phone number

Job title

Clock, payroll or employee number

You

No ☐ Please send us your **P45**.
Go to **Part 6 About other benefits**.

Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below. If this was paid work provide the last 5 weekly payslips or last 2 monthly payslips.

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hours

days

hours

days

Postcode

Code

Number

Your partner

No ☐ Go to **Part 6 About other benefits**.

Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below. If this was paid work provide the last 5 weekly payslips or last 2 monthly payslips.

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hours

days

hours

days

Postcode

Code

Number

Part 5: About work continued

Will your employer keep paying you if you are off work because of an illness or disability? Do you get any money for expenses? Does the employer pay any money towards a pension for you? Is the work you do voluntary work?	You No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Can you choose whether or not to be paid for the work? No ☐ Yes ☐ Do you get anything else in return for working? For example, things like accommodation or food. No ☐ Yes ☐	Your partner No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Can they choose whether or not to be paid for the work? No ☐ Yes ☐ Do they get anything else in return for working? For example, things like accommodation or food. No ☐ Yes ☐
Are you self-employed or a sub-contractor?	No ☐ Yes ☐ We will send you a form B16 to fill in and return to us.	No ☐ Yes ☐ We will send you a form B16 to fill in and return to us.
Do you work in a specialist occupation? By 'specialist occupation' we mean ● an auxiliary coastguard ● a part-time fire-fighter ● a part-time member of a lifeboat crew, or ● territorial or reserve forces.	No ☐ Yes ☐	No ☐ Yes ☐
Are you involved in a trade dispute? By 'trade dispute' we mean a dispute between you and your employer or ex-employer.	No ☐ Yes ☐	No ☐ Yes ☐ We will write to you about this.

Part 5: About work continued

Do you know when you will be well enough to work again?

Are you going to go back to work?

Did you work a night shift which included midnight on the date you last worked?

What date and time did you start the shift?

What date and time did you end the shift?

Will you go back to work on a night shift which includes midnight?

What date and time will you start the shift?

What date and time will you end the shift?

If you have more than one employer, please tell us about them in **Part 21 Other information**.

You

No

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Yes

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Tell us when you will be well enough to work.

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No

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Yes

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What date will you go back to work?

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No

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Yes

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Tell us about this below.

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at

am / pm

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at

am / pm

No

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Yes

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Tell us about this below.

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am / pm

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at

am / pm

Part 6: About other benefits

We need to know about any social security benefits you are getting now, or have claimed in the past. We will tell you if they affect your Employment and Support Allowance.

For example, you must tell us about

- Attendance Allowance
 - Bereavement Allowance
 - Bereavement Payment
 - Carer's Allowance
 - Disability Living Allowance
 - Incapacity Benefit
 - Income Support
- Industrial Death Benefit
 - Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit
 - Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Maternity Allowance
 - Motability or any other help with mobility problems
 - Pension Credit
 - Personal Independence Payment
- Reduced Earnings Allowance
 - State Pension
 - Severe Disablement Allowance
 - Unemployability Supplement
 - Universal Credit
 - Widow's Benefit
 - Widowed Mother's Allowance
 - Widowed Parent's Allowance

You must also tell us about any other social security benefits, even if they are not on this list.

Do not tell us about Housing Benefit or a reduction in Council Tax. We will ask you about this later.

Are you getting or waiting to hear about any social security benefits now?

You No ☐ Go to page 12. Yes ☐ Tell us about these benefits on page 11.	Your partner No ☐ Go to page 12. Yes ☐ Tell us about these benefits on page 11.
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Part 6: About other benefits continued

Name of the benefit

Who is getting the benefit?

Reference number

You can find this number on letters we have sent about the benefit.

How much is paid?

How often is it paid?

What day is it paid?

How is it paid?

Date of next payment

Is any money being deducted from the benefit?

How much is being deducted?

What is it being deducted for?

Benefit 1	Benefit 2	Benefit 3
£	£	£
Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐	Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐	Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐
Fortnightly ☐ 4 weekly ☐	Fortnightly ☐ 4 weekly ☐	Fortnightly ☐ 4 weekly ☐
Other every	Other every	Other every
Directly into a bank or building society account ☐	Directly into a bank or building society account ☐	Directly into a bank or building society account ☐
Other ☐	Other ☐	Other ☐
/ /	/ /	/ /
No ☐	No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐	Yes ☐	Yes ☐
£	£	£
If you need to tell us about more than 3 benefits, please tell us in Part 21 Other information .		

Part 6: About other benefits continued

Have you ever claimed Carer’s Allowance?

Tick **Yes**, even if you were not paid any Carer’s Allowance. This could have been because you were better off getting another social security benefit.

Has the Carer’s Allowance stopped in the last 3 months?

Date of last claim or payment

Name of the person being cared for

Address of the person being cared for

Does anyone care for you on a regular basis?

What is their name and address?

Do they get Carer’s Allowance for caring for you? Tick **Yes** if they have claimed Carer’s Allowance and are waiting to hear about it.

You	Your partner
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐	Yes ☐
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐	Yes ☐
/ /	/ /
Postcode	Postcode
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐	Yes ☐
Postcode	Postcode
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐	Yes ☐

Part 6: About other benefits continued

Do you or your partner or any of your children or qualifying young persons who live in your household get Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment?

We use ‘child’ to mean a person aged under 16 who you are getting Child Benefit for.

We use ‘qualifying young person’ to mean a person aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 who you are getting Child Benefit for.

Is the Disability Living Allowance for help with getting around?

Is the Disability Living Allowance for help with personal care?

Do you or your partner or any of the children or qualifying young persons who live in your household get

- Attendance Allowance
- Motability
- War Pension Mobility Supplement, or
- other help with mobility problems?

Do you or your partner get Personal Independence Payment?

You

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐ What rate is paid?

Lower rate ☐

Higher rate ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐ What rate is paid?

Lowest rate ☐

Middle rate ☐

Highest rate ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐

Your partner

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐ What rate is paid?

Lower rate ☐

Higher rate ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐ What rate is paid?

Lowest rate ☐

Middle rate ☐

Highest rate ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐

Children or qualifying young persons

No ☐

Yes ☐ Who gets the benefit?

No ☐

Yes ☐ What rate is paid?

Lower rate ☐

Higher rate ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐ What rate is paid?

Lowest rate ☐

Middle rate ☐

Highest rate ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐ Who gets the benefit or help?

Part 6: About other benefits continued

Is it for help with mobility?

Is it for help with daily living?

You

No ☐

Yes ☐ What rate is paid?

Standard rate ☐

Enhanced rate ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐ What rate is paid?

Standard rate ☐

Enhanced rate ☐

Your partner

No ☐

Yes ☐ What rate is paid?

Standard rate ☐

Enhanced rate ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐ What rate is paid?

Standard rate ☐

Enhanced rate ☐

Children or qualifying young persons

No ☐

Yes ☐ What rate is paid?

Standard rate ☐

Enhanced rate ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐ What rate is paid?

Standard rate ☐

Enhanced rate ☐

Do you get War Widow’s or War Widower’s Pension?

Reference number

You

No ☐

Yes ☐

Your partner

No ☐

Yes ☐

Did you get Return to Work Credit in the last 3 months?

No ☐

Yes ☐ Date of the last payment

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No ☐

Yes ☐ Date of the last payment

/ /

Is anyone getting, or has anyone just stopped getting, Child Benefit for you?

Their surname

Their other names

No ☐

Yes ☐ Please tell us about them below:

No ☐

Yes ☐ Please tell us about them below:

Part 6: About other benefits continued

Their address

Their Child Benefit number

Have you claimed any other benefits in the last 2 years?
If the claim was turned down, still tick **Yes**.

Name of benefit

Date of last payment

Which benefit office dealt with the claim?

Was your name or address different when you last claimed a benefit?

Full name

Address

When did you move to your present address?

Is anyone getting extra money added to their benefit for you?

You	Your partner
Postcode	Postcode
Numbers Letters	Numbers Letters
No ☐ Yes ☐ Tell us about the last benefit you claimed below.	No ☐ Yes ☐ Tell us about the last benefit they claimed below.
/ /	/ /
No ☐ Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.	No ☐ Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.
Postcode	Postcode
/ /	/ /
No ☐ Yes ☐ Please tell us about this in Part 21 Other information.	No ☐ Yes ☐ Please tell us about this in Part 21 Other information.

Part 7: About time spent abroad

Have you

- worked or claimed benefit outside the United Kingdom in the last 5 years, or
- been a member, or in the family of a member of HM Armed Forces outside the United Kingdom in the last 12 weeks?

By the ‘United Kingdom’ we mean England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Which countries did you go to, and when?

Please tick the boxes that describe what you did while you were abroad.

Were you abroad because someone in your family was in HM Armed Forces?

What is their relationship to you?
For example, your father or mother.

You

No ☐
Yes ☐

Country

From

To

Country

From

To

Employed by a foreign employer

☐

Self employed

☐

Employed by a UK employer

☐

Claimed foreign benefit

☐

Claimed UK benefit abroad

☐

A member of HM Armed Forces

☐

No ☐
Yes ☐

Your partner

No ☐
Yes ☐

Country

From

To

Country

From

To

Employed by a foreign employer

☐

Self employed

☐

Employed by a UK employer

☐

Claimed foreign benefit

☐

Claimed UK benefit abroad

☐

A member of HM Armed Forces

☐

No ☐
Yes ☐

Part 7: About time spent abroad continued

Are you exempt from paying UK income tax?

Were you abroad for more than one year in total in the 5 years before you stopped paying UK income tax?

You

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐

Your partner

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐

Part 8: About statutory payments

We need to know about any statutory payments you are getting from your employer, or have claimed in the past. We will tell you if they affect your Employment and Support Allowance.

For example, you must tell us about

- Statutory Adoption Pay
- Statutory Maternity Pay
- Statutory Paternity Pay
- Statutory Sick Pay

Are you getting or waiting to hear about any statutory payments now? Name of the statutory payment Who do you get your statutory payment from? How much money do you get and how often? What day is it paid?	You No ☐ Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below. £ every weeks / months	Your partner No ☐ Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below. £ every weeks / months
Have you ever had a statutory payment in the past? Name of the statutory payment Who did you get your statutory payment from? How much money did you get and how often? What day was it paid?	No ☐ Go to Part 9 About pensions. Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below. £ every weeks / months	No ☐ Go to Part 9 About pensions. Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below. £ every weeks / months
If you need to tell us about any other statutory payments, tell us in Part 21 Other information.		

Part 9: About pensions

Are you getting or waiting to get a pension?

By ‘pension’ we mean

- an occupational pension,
- a personal pension
- a retirement annuity contract, or
- payment from the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.

Do not tell us about State Pension here.

Tick **Yes** if you get

- regular pension payments
- an annual compensation payment from a previous job
- lump sum payments from an occupational or personal pension. These could be paid yearly
- payments from the Pension Protection Fund
- Financial Assistance Scheme payments.

What type of pension are you getting or waiting to get?

You

- No ☐ Go to **Part 10 About permanent health insurance.**
- Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.
If you have more than one pension, please tell us about them in **Part 21 Other information.**

Please send us proof of your pension income.

For example

- a letter of entitlement from your employer or the insurance company that pays the pension
- a payment advice notice from your pension provider
- a current wage slip showing details of your pension income.

Send us the original documents. Do not send us photocopies. You do not need to send proof of a payment from the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.

If you do not send proof of pension income, you may lose benefit.

- Personal pension ☐
- Occupational, work or employee’s pension ☐
- Retirement annuity contract ☐
- Public service pension ☐
- Pension paid to you as a beneficiary ☐

Your partner

- No ☐ Go to **Part 10 About permanent health insurance.**
- Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.
If your partner has more than one pension, please tell us about them in **Part 21 Other information.**

Please send us proof of your partner’s pension income. For example

- a letter of entitlement from their employer or the insurance company that pays the pension
- a payment advice notice from their pension provider
- a current wage slip showing details of their pension income.

Send us the original documents. Do not send us photocopies. You do not need to send proof of a payment from the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme.

If you do not send proof of pension income, you may lose benefit.

- Personal pension ☐
- Occupational, work or employee’s pension ☐
- Retirement annuity contract ☐
- Public service pension ☐
- Pension paid to you as a beneficiary ☐

Part 9: About pensions continued

Name and address of your pension provider

Their phone number

Pension or policy reference number

How much is the pension **before** any deductions?
For example, deductions like income tax.

How much is the pension **after** any deductions?

How much are the deductions and what are they for?

When did the pension start, or when will it start?

Date of first payment

Will the pension increase?

How much will your pension be after the increase?

Did you choose to take regular income from the pension scheme instead of buying an annuity?

Did you inherit your pension?

You	Your partner
Postcode	Postcode
Code Number	Code Number
£ every weeks / months / year	£ every weeks / months / year
£ every weeks / months / year	£ every weeks / months / year
£ for	£ for
£ for	£ for
/ /	/ /
/ /	/ /
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐ Date of first payment after the increase / /	Yes ☐ Date of first payment after the increase / /
£ every weeks / months / year	£ every weeks / months / year
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐ Was this the maximum income you could take? No ☐ Yes ☐	Yes ☐ Was this the maximum income they could take? No ☐ Yes ☐
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐	Yes ☐

Part 10: About permanent health insurance

Are you waiting to hear about any permanent health insurance payment?

If **Yes**, let us know as soon as your permanent health insurance payment has been awarded.

Do you get a permanent health insurance payment?

If you have more than one permanent health insurance payment, please tell us about them in **Part 21 Other information**.

You

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐ Go to **Part 11 Education, training and apprenticeship**.

Yes ☐

Your partner

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐ Go to **Part 11 Education, training and apprenticeship**.

Yes ☐

Name and address of the employer paying the permanent health insurance premiums

Postcode

Their phone number

Code

Number

Has your contract of employment ended with this employer?

No ☐

Yes ☐ When did it end?

/

/

Postcode

Code

Number

No ☐

Yes ☐ When did it end?

/

/

Have you contributed more than half the premiums towards any permanent health insurance payment?

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐

Part 11: Education, training and apprenticeship

Have you done a course of education, training or apprenticeship in the last 4 years?
If you are still doing the course, tick **Yes**.

What was the course?

Name of course, training scheme or apprenticeship

Name and address of school, training centre, college or university

Number of hours a week

Start date and official end date

Do you have a final examination date?

Are you eligible for a student loan or grant?

Are you getting a student loan or grant?

You

No ☐ Go to **Part 12 Where you live**.
Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

Education ☐
Training ☐
Apprenticeship ☐

Postcode

hours

/ / to / /

No ☐
Yes ☐ What is this date?

No ☐
Yes ☐

No ☐
Yes ☐ What is the reference number?

Your partner

No ☐ Go to **Part 12 Where you live**.
Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

Education ☐
Training ☐
Apprenticeship ☐

Postcode

hours

/ / to / /

No ☐
Yes ☐ What is this date?

No ☐
Yes ☐

No ☐
Yes ☐ What is the reference number?

Part 12: Where you live

Do you live with parents, relatives or friends as part of their family?

Full name of the head of the household

Title

Relationship to you
For example, parent, friend or relative.

Do you share the rent or mortgage for the place where you live with anyone else?
If you just share with your partner, tick **No**.

Do you rent your home from a council?
Tick **Yes**

- if the council is paying for you to stay in bed and breakfast, or a hotel
- if you do not pay rent because you get Housing Benefit.

Do you pay a private landlord, landlady or housing association for the place where you live?
Tick **Yes** if you

- just pay for the place where you live
- pay for meals as well as the place where you live
- live in a hotel, guest house or hostel.

You

No ☐
Yes ☐ Tell us about this below.
Then go to **page 25**.

Mr Mrs Miss Ms	Other title

No ☐
Yes ☐ Names of the people you share with.

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No ☐
Yes ☐ Name and address of the council.

Postcode

No ☐
Yes ☐ Please tell us their name and address.

Postcode

Your partner

No ☐
Yes ☐ Tell us about this below.
Then go to **page 25**.

Mr Mrs Miss Ms	Other title

No ☐
Yes ☐ Names of the people they share with.

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No ☐
Yes ☐ Name and address of the council.

Postcode

No ☐
Yes ☐ Please tell us their name and address.

Postcode

Part 12: Where you live
continued

Do you pay any service charges for the place where you live?

For example, cleaning and maintenance of stairs and hallways.

How much do you pay and how often?

If you have any papers about the service charge, please send them to us with this form.

Is the place where you live a Crown tenancy or under a long term agreement?

By long term agreement we mean a tenancy agreement which is for more than 21 years.

Are you already getting, waiting to hear about or intending to claim Housing Benefit or apply for a Council Tax reduction, or both?

Housing Benefit and Council Tax reduction do not affect the amount of Employment and Support Allowance you can get.

To claim Housing Benefit, fill in the form **HCTB1**. Then send the completed form **HCTB1** to your local council. For more information about Housing Benefit or if you wish to apply for a reduction in your Council Tax please contact your Local Authority.

Did you claim Housing Benefit or apply for a reduction in your Council Tax with a previous claim for

- Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Income Support, or
- Employment and Support Allowance?

You

No ☐

Yes ☐

£ every weeks / months / year

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐

Did you get an extra 4 weeks payment for your rent or council tax reduction when you started work after your previous claim?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Your partner

No ☐

Yes ☐

£ every weeks / months / year

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐

Did they get an extra 4 weeks payment for rent or council tax reduction when they started work after their previous claim?

No ☐

Yes ☐

What to do now

If you are claiming contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance

If you are sure you do **not** want to claim income-related Employment and Support Allowance, go to **Part 20 How we pay you**.

If you are not sure, read the **Notes** at the front of this form to help you decide.

If you are still not sure, claim income-related Employment and Support Allowance anyway. Please answer all the questions on the grey pages of the form that apply to you and your partner, if you have one.

If you do not claim income-related Employment and Support Allowance now, but then ask for it at a later date, we will normally only pay it from that later date.

If you are claiming income-related Employment and Support Allowance

If you ticked **Yes** on **page 1** to claim income-related Employment and Support Allowance, we need more information. Please go to **Part 13 About children and qualifying young persons** on the next page.

Answer all the questions on the grey pages of the form that apply to you and your partner, if you have one. These are the questions on the grey pages – **Part 13 About children and qualifying young persons** to **Part 19 Special circumstances**.

Part 13: About children and qualifying young persons

Do you have any children or qualifying young persons living permanently in your household who are dependent on you?

- Do not include
- foster children
 - children or qualifying young persons who are boarded out with you while they wait to be adopted.

- No ☐ Go to **Part 14 About bank and building society accounts, savings and property.**
- Yes ☐ Please tell us about these children or qualifying young persons below.
- We use ‘child’ to mean a person aged under 16 who you are getting Child Benefit for.
 - We use ‘qualifying young person’ to mean a person aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 who you are getting Child Benefit for.

Children or qualifying young persons living permanently in your household who are dependent on you			Relationship to you		Relationship to your partner	Are you getting or have you claimed Child Benefit for this child or qualifying young person?	Does the child or qualifying young person have a parent or parents who live somewhere else?	
			For example, son, daughter, niece, grandson, stepdaughter or none.					
Surname	Other names	Date of birth	Male or female					
			M	F				
			☐	☐			No ☐ Yes ☐	No ☐ Yes ☐
			☐	☐			No ☐ Yes ☐	No ☐ Yes ☐
			☐	☐			No ☐ Yes ☐	No ☐ Yes ☐
			☐	☐			No ☐ Yes ☐	No ☐ Yes ☐
			☐	☐			No ☐ Yes ☐	No ☐ Yes ☐
			☐	☐			No ☐ Yes ☐	No ☐ Yes ☐
			☐	☐			No ☐ Yes ☐	No ☐ Yes ☐
			☐	☐			No ☐ Yes ☐	No ☐ Yes ☐

- Tell us in **Part 21 Other information**
- if you have more than 8 children or qualifying young persons
 - if you have any children or qualifying young persons who normally live with you but are in boarding school or local authority care.

If you have told us about a child or qualifying young person who has a parent who lives somewhere else, ask for a leaflet about child maintenance options if you are claiming benefits. You can get it from Jobcentre Plus.

Part 14: About bank and building society accounts, savings and property

We need to know about savings that you or your partner have.

By 'savings' we mean all money, savings, investments and property in the United Kingdom (UK) or abroad which belong to you or your partner. By the 'UK' we mean England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Do you or your partner have any of the following?

Please tick **No** or **Yes** for every item in the list.
Tell us about accounts even if they are not in credit.

Bank accounts, including current accounts

Building society accounts, including current accounts

Post Office® accounts

National Savings & Investments accounts

National Savings Certificates

Premium bonds

Income Bonds or Capital Bonds

Unit Trusts

ISAs, PEPs and other investments

Government Stock

Money or property held in trust

Cash

A lump sum personal injury payment in last 52 weeks

Insurance for repairs or possessions

Money from the sale of a home

You and your partner

No Yes Amount

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☐	☐	£
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☐	☐	£
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☐	☐	£	Number of units	Issue number	Purchase price
					£

☐	☐	£			£
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☐	☐	£	Number of units	Name

☐	☐	£
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☐	☐	£
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☐	☐	£	Date you got the payment	/ /
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☐	☐	£
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Part 14: About bank and building society accounts, savings and property continued

Do you or your partner have any of the following?

Please tick **No** or **Yes** for every item in the list.
Tell us about accounts even if they are not in credit.

Money set aside for essential repairs

Outstanding money from the Social Fund

Other money from benefits owed to you

World War II compensation payment

Far Eastern Prisoners of War compensation payment

State Pension lump sum

Money from a trust fund

Do not tell us about payments from

- The Macfarlane Trust
 - The Eileen Trust
 - The Skipton Fund
- The Fund
 - MFET Ltd
 - The Caxton Foundation.

Any other money

Shares

Please tell us about any other shares in **Part 21**
Other information.

You and your partner

No Yes Amount

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Number of units

Name of company

How much are the savings worth in total?

Add together all the amounts from **pages 27** and **28** to work this out.

Do you and your partner's savings add up to £5,500 or more?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Please send us proof of your savings with this form. For example, a recent bank statement or a savings book updated within the last month.

Have your savings been more than £5,500 during the last 6 months?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Please send us proof of your savings with this form. For example, a recent bank statement or a savings book updated within the last 6 months.

Part 14: About bank and building society accounts, savings and property continued

Do you live in a care home?

No ☐

Yes ☐ Do you and your partner's savings add up to £9,500 or more?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Please send us proof of your savings with this form. For example, a recent bank statement or a savings book updated within the last month.

Apart from the home you live in, do you or your partner own or jointly own any other property or land in the UK or abroad?

Tick **Yes** if the property or land is

- on a mortgage or loan, **or**
- jointly owned.

No ☐

Yes ☐ What is it?

Property ☐

Land ☐

What is the address of the property or land?

Postcode

What is the property or land currently used for?

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What was the original purpose for buying it?

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Who does this property or land belong to?

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Is the property or land up for sale?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Have you or your partner sold any property other than where you lived during the last 6 months?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Please send us proof of the sale of this property or land.

Part 15: About other money coming in

We need to know if you or your partner have any other money coming in.

For example, you must tell us about:

- fostering fees or allowances
- prison discharge grant
- any training allowance
- Guardian's Allowance
- Child Benefit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- War Pension
- War Widow's, or Widower's, Pension
- payments from the Pension Protection Fund
- Financial Assistance Scheme payments
- sick pay from an employer
- benefits, allowances and pensions not from social security
- student grants or loans
- money from a mortgage protection policy
- money from a charity or benevolent fund
- any other money coming in.

Do you, your partner or anyone else you are claiming Employment and Support Allowance for, have any other money coming in?

Who gets this money?

Where does the money come from?

How much money do they get, and how often?

What day is it paid?

No ☐
Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

Money 1

£	every	weeks / months
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Money 2

£	every	weeks / months
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If you need to tell us more about any other money coming in, please tell us in **Part 21 Other information**.

You must send us proof of any other money coming in, for example:

- a statement from the person or company that pays the money
- a court order
- payslips, or
- a full bank statement showing the amount and how often it is paid.

You do not need to provide proof of Child Benefit, Tax Credits or a student loan or grant. We may ask you about student loans and grants at a later date.

Part 15: About other money coming in continued

Does anyone owe any money to you, your partner or anyone else you are claiming Employment and Support Allowance for?

- This might be for things like
- arrears of maintenance, or
 - money lent to someone.

Who is owed this money?

How much money are they owed?

What is this money for?

When do you expect the money to be paid?

Do you, your partner or anyone else you are claiming Employment and Support Allowance for, get maintenance payments?

- Tell us about maintenance paid
- voluntarily
 - because of a written agreement
 - because of a court order, or
 - because of a child maintenance assessment.

Who gets this money?

Who is this money for?

Who is paying you this money?

How much money do you get, and how often?

What day is it paid?

No ☐
Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

Money 1

£

/ /

No ☐
Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

Money 1

£ every weeks / months

Money 2

£

/ /

Money 2

£ every weeks / months

Part 15: About other money coming in continued

Do you or your partner get any payments from a credit insurance policy?

What items, if any, were bought using the credit that you had?

Which of these items are covered by the insurance policy?

Who does the insurance company make the payments to?

How much is paid, and how often?

When did the payments start?

When will the payments end?

You must send us full details of what the insurance company has paid you.

If you need to tell us more about any other money coming in, please tell us in **Part 21 Other information**.

Do you or your partner hold any bank accounts, investments or property, in this country or abroad, which belong to someone else?

No ☐
Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

- ☐ Direct to the supplier.
☐ To you or your partner.
☐ To the credit company.

£ every weeks / months

/ /

/ /

No ☐
Yes ☐ Are these bank accounts, investments or property in your or your partner's name?
No ☐
Yes ☐ Please tell us about them in **Part 21 Other information**.

Part 15: About other money coming in continued

Does anyone pay you, your partner, or anyone else you are claiming Employment and Support Allowance for, to rent rooms or property?
For example, boarders, lodgers, tenants and subtenants.

Who pays the rent?

Who do they pay?

How much do they pay, and how often?

What day is it paid?

Tick here if the money they pay includes any money for heating or meals.

No ☐
Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

Rent 1

£ every weeks / months / year

- ☐ Heating
☐ Meals

Rent 2

£ every weeks / months / year

- ☐ Heating
☐ Meals

Part 16: About other people who live with you

We need to know about any other people who live in the same household as you.

We need this information to make sure we work out your housing costs correctly.

Please tell us about

- relatives, if they live in your household
- boarders and lodgers
- friends
- anyone else who lives in your household.

Do not tell us about

- members of your immediate family, if you live with them in **their** household
- people who just share a hall or bathroom or toilet with you, or who live in a separate flat or bedsit in the same house
- other residents, if you live in a care home
- foster children, or children or qualifying young persons boarded out with you while they wait to be adopted.

Do any other people live in your household who you have not already told us about?

If you need to tell us about more than 4 people, please tell us in **Part 21 Other information**.

No ☐ Go to **Part 17 Owning your home**.

Yes ☐ Please tell us about these people below.

Full name

Title

Date of birth

Relationship to you

Do they work for 16 hours or more a week?

Full name

Title

Date of birth

Relationship to you

Do they work for 16 hours or more a week?

Person 1

Mr Mrs Miss Ms	Other title
/ /	
No	☐
Yes	☐

Person 3

Mr Mrs Miss Ms	Other title
/ /	
No	☐
Yes	☐

Person 2

Mr Mrs Miss Ms	Other title
/ /	
No	☐
Yes	☐

Person 4

Mr Mrs Miss Ms	Other title
/ /	
No	☐
Yes	☐

Part 16: About other people who live with you continued

We need to know if any of the people living with you have any money coming in.

You do not have to answer these questions. But if they do not have much money coming in, you may get more Employment and Support Allowance.

Do they have any money coming in?

Where does the money come from?
This could be wages, a pension or benefits.

How much is coming in, and how often?

Does this person usually live with you?

If **No**, where do they usually live?

What date did you start sharing accommodation?

Why did you start to share accommodation?

How long do you expect this to continue?

Why do you think this is?

Has the person shared accommodation with you in the past?

Tell us about

- earnings
 - social security benefits
 - any other money they have coming in.
- If they have earnings, tell us the amount before tax, National Insurance and any other money has been taken off.

Do not tell us about

- The Macfarlane Trust
- The Eileen Trust
- The Skipton Fund
- The Fund
- MFET Ltd
- The Caxton Foundation.

Person 1	Person 2
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐	Yes ☐
£ every weeks / months / year	£ every weeks / months / year
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐	Yes ☐
Postcode	Postcode
/ /	/ /
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐	Yes ☐

Part 16: About other people who live with you continued

Do they have any money coming in?

Where does the money come from?
This could be wages, a pension or benefits.

How much is coming in, and how often?

Does this person usually live with you?

If **No**, where do they usually live?

What date did you start sharing accommodation?

Why did you start to share accommodation?

How long do you expect this to continue?

Why do you think this is?

Has the person shared accommodation with you in the past?

Are any of these people you have told us about
● married to each other or living together as if they are married, or
● civil partners?

We call these people ‘partners’.

If you need to tell us about more than 4 people,
please tell us in **Part 21 Other information**.

Person 3	Person 4
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐	Yes ☐
£ every weeks / months / year	£ every weeks / months / year
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐	Yes ☐
Postcode	Postcode
/ /	/ /
No ☐	No ☐
Yes ☐	Yes ☐
No ☐	
Yes ☐ Please tell us about them.	
is the partner of	
is the partner of	

Part 17: Owning your home

Do you or your partner own your own home?

If the home is on a mortgage or loan, or if it is leasehold or freehold, tick **Yes**.

Do you or your partner have a mortgage or loan on your home?

Whose name is the mortgage or loan in?

When was it taken out?

Is the mortgage or home loan for anything apart from buying the place where you live?

For example, a piece of land, a car, home improvements or repairs.

Do you or your partner have a second mortgage, a home improvement loan or loan for repairs?

Whose name is the mortgage or loan in?

When was it taken out?

Is the mortgage or home loan for anything apart from buying the place where you live?

For example, a piece of land, a car, home improvements or repairs.

Are any of your loans secured on the property?

No ☐ Go to **Part 18 Living in a care home**.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

☐ Yours

☐ Your partner's

☐ Both

/ /

No ☐

Yes ☐ Please tell us what it is for.

No ☐

Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

☐ Yours

☐ Your partner's

☐ Both

/ /

No ☐

Yes ☐ Please tell us what it is for.

No ☐

Yes ☐

Part 17: Owning your home continued

Was your original mortgage taken out before October 1995?

Who was the mortgage or home loan lender?

Whose name was the mortgage or home loan in?

When was it taken out

Which address was this mortgage or home loan for?

If you or your partner have more than 2 remortgages or home loans, please tell us in **Part 21 Other information**.

Do you or your partner have an insurance policy to pay the mortgage or home loan if you become unemployed or ill?

Is any part of the place where you live rated as a business?

Do you or your partner pay ground rent?

Please send us proof of your ground rent. For example, your lease.

Is your or your partner's home leasehold?

How many rooms are there in your home?

Do not count the kitchen, hall, bathroom or toilet.

No ☐

Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

Original mortgage

☐ Current address

☐ Previous address

Remortgage or home loan 1

☐ Current address

☐ Previous address

Remortgage or home loan 2

☐ Current address

☐ Previous address

No ☐

Yes ☐ Have you made a claim on the insurance policy?

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐ How much is paid, and how often?

£

every

weeks / months / year

No ☐

Yes ☐ When the lease was first granted, was it for more than 21 years?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Part 18: Living in a care home

	You	Your partner
Do you or your partner live in a care home?	No ☐ Go to Part 19 Special circumstances. Yes ☐	No ☐ Go to Part 19 Special circumstances. Yes ☐
Are you or your partner paying for this care out of your savings?	No ☐ Yes ☐	No ☐ Yes ☐
Are you or your partner living in a care home temporarily?	No ☐ Yes ☐ How long do you expect to stay? 	No ☐ Yes ☐ How long do they expect to stay?
Are your friends or family paying for this care?	No ☐ Yes ☐	
Did you or your partner ever own your home before you moved to where you live now?	No ☐ Go to Part 19 Special circumstances. Yes ☐	No ☐ Go to Part 19 Special circumstances. Yes ☐
Who owned the home?	☐ You ☐ Your partner ☐ Both of you	
Has it been sold?	No ☐ Yes ☐ When was it sold? / / How much was it sold for? £	
If it has not been sold, does anyone live there?	No ☐ Yes ☐ We will write to you about this.	

Part 19: Special circumstances

Have you separated from a person who used to be your partner in the last 6 months?
If you need to tell us about more than one person, please tell us about them in **Part 21 Other information**.

Surname

Other names

Address

Date of birth

National Insurance (NI) number, if you know it

When did you separate?

Is this separation temporary?

Has this person gone abroad?

You

No ☐ Go to **page 42**.
Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

Postcode

/

/

Letters

Numbers

Letter

/

/

No ☐
Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.
For example, the reason for the separation and how long you expect it to last.

No ☐
Yes ☐ Have they gone abroad permanently?
No ☐
Yes ☐

Your partner

No ☐ Go to **page 42**.
Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

Postcode

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Letters

Numbers

Letter

/

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No ☐
Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.
For example, the reason for the separation and how long you expect it to last.

No ☐
Yes ☐ Have they gone abroad permanently?
No ☐
Yes ☐

Part 19: Special circumstances continued

Will the person who used to be your partner keep paying anything towards the rent or mortgage, or any household bills?

What is this payment for?

How much do you expect to get?

When will you get this payment?

How often will this be paid?

If you need to tell us about more payments, please tell us about them in **Part 21 Other information**.

If the person who used to be your partner is still paying towards your mortgage, who do they make payments to?

Has the person who used to be your partner stopped paying you money?

What was this payment for?

How much did you get?

When was this paid?

No ☐
Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

Payment 1

Payment 2

Payment 3

Payment 4

£

£

£

£

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/ /

/ /

/ /

☐ Direct to you
☐ Direct to your lender

No ☐
Yes ☐ Please tell us about the last payment you received.

£

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Part 19: Special circumstances continued

Everyone must answer these questions, if you do not your claim may be delayed.
By the *United Kingdom* we mean England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

If a UK national, do you or your partner have the right of abode in the UK?

For example, you have the right of abode in the UK if you are a British citizen.

By the *right of abode* we mean you

- are free from immigration control, **and**
- do not need the permission of an immigration officer to enter the UK, **and**
- can live and work in the UK without restriction.

You

No ☐

Yes ☐

Your partner

No ☐

Yes ☐

At any time, have you or your partner come to live or returned to live in the United Kingdom (UK) from abroad?

No ☐

Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.

And please send passport or immigration documents for the people you tell us about below with this form. Or you can bring the passport or documents to your local Jobcentre Plus.

You can find the phone number and address on the advert in the business numbers section of the phone book. Look under **Jobcentre Plus**.

What is your nationality?

Which country have you come from?

What date did you last come to the UK?

 / /

Was this to work in the UK?

No ☐

Yes ☐

Has the Home Office put a limit on how long you can stay in the UK?

No ☐

Yes ☐

 / /

No ☐

Yes ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐

Part 19: Special circumstances continued

	Person 1	Person 2
Does your passport say no recourse to public funds ?	No ☐ Yes ☐ 	No ☐ Yes ☐
If you have lived in the UK before, when did you last leave the UK?		
Have you or your partner come to the UK under the Family Reunion Scheme?	No ☐ Please go to the next question. Yes ☐ Please go to the next page.	
Have you or your partner come to the UK under a sponsorship undertaking? A ‘sponsorship undertaking’ is a form that a relative must sign to say that they will pay for your living expenses if you settle in the UK. You can find out more by visiting www.gov.uk/browse/citizenship A sponsorship undertaking is not the same as the Family Reunion Scheme.	No ☐ Yes ☐ Please tell us about this below.	
Who is being sponsored?		
Name of the sponsor		
Address of the sponsor	Postcode	
Home Office reference number		
What date did the sponsor sign the sponsorship undertaking?		
If more than one sponsor signed the sponsorship undertaking, please tell us about them in Part 21 Other information . We may get in touch with you for more information.		

Part 19: Special circumstances continued

Please answer all of these questions, even if you think they do not apply to you.

Are you or your partner an asylum seeker?	You No ☐ Yes ☐	Your partner No ☐ Yes ☐
Did you first apply for asylum before 3 April 2000?	No ☐ If you are still an asylum seeker, you will not usually be entitled to benefit. But you may be entitled to get help from the Home Office. Yes ☐ Send us proof of the asylum application with this form. Or you can bring the proof to your local Jobcentre Plus.	No ☐ If they are still an asylum seeker, they will not usually be entitled to benefit. But they may be entitled to get help from the Home Office. Yes ☐ Send us proof of the asylum application with this form. Or you can bring the proof to your local Jobcentre Plus.
Have you or your partner recently had a successful decision on your asylum application?	No ☐ Yes ☐ Send us proof of the decision with this form. Or you can bring the proof to your local Jobcentre Plus. / /	No ☐ Yes ☐ Send us proof of the decision with this form. Or you can bring the proof to your local Jobcentre Plus. / /
What was the date when you got the successful decision of your asylum application?		
Have you or your partner been supported by the Home Office while waiting for a decision on your asylum application?	No ☐ Please go to Part 20 How we pay you. Yes ☐ Send us details of any support given to you by the Home Office. For example, a letter from the Home Office which tells us about these things.	No ☐ Please go to Part 20 How we pay you. Yes ☐ Send us details of any support given to them by the Home Office. For example, a letter from the Home Office which tells us about these things.

Part 20: How we pay you

We normally pay your money into an account.

Many banks and building societies will let you collect your money at the post office.

We will tell you when we will make the first payment and how much it will be for.

We will tell you if the amount we pay into the account is going to change.

Finding out how much we have paid into the account

You can check your payments on account statements. The statements may show your National Insurance (NI) number next to any payments we have made. If you think a payment is wrong, get in touch with the office that pays you straight away.

If we pay you too much money

If we pay you too much money we have the right to take back any money we pay that you are not entitled to. This may be because of the way the payment system works.

For example, you may give us some information which means you are entitled to less money. Sometimes we may not be able to change the amount we have already paid you. This means we will have paid you money that you are not entitled to.

We will contact you before we take back any money.

What to do now

- Tell us about the account you want to use on the next page. By giving us your account details you
 - agree that we will pay you into an account, and
 - understand what we have told you above in the section **If we pay you too much money.**
- If you are going to open an account, please tell us your account details as soon as you get them.
- If you do not have an account, please contact us and we will give you more information.

Fill in the rest of this form. You do not have to wait until you have opened an account or contacted us.

About the account you want to use

- You can use an account in your name, or a joint account.
- You can use someone else’s account if
 - the terms and conditions of their account allow this, and
 - they agree to let you use their account, and
 - you are sure they will use your money in the way you tell them.
- You can use a credit union account. You must tell us the credit union’s account details. Your credit union will be able to help you with this.
- If you are an appointee or a legal representative acting on behalf of the claimant, the account should be in your name only.

Please tell us your account details below.

It is very important you fill in all the boxes correctly, including the building society roll or reference number, if you have one. If you tell us the wrong account details your payment may be delayed or you may lose money.

You can find the account details on your chequebook or bank statements. If you do not know the account details, ask the bank or building society.

Name of the account holder Please write the name of the account holder exactly as it is shown on the chequebook or statement. Full name of bank or building society Sort code Please tell us all 6 numbers, for example: 12-34-56. Account number Most account numbers are 8 numbers long. If your account number has fewer than 10 numbers, please fill in the numbers from the left. Building society roll or reference number If you are using a building society account you may need to tell us a roll or reference number. This may be made up of letters and numbers, and may be up to 18 characters long. If you are not sure if the account has a roll or reference number, ask the building society.	
You may get other benefits and entitlements we do not pay into an account. If you want us to pay them into the account above, please tick this box.	

Part 21: Other information

Please use this space to tell us anything else you think we might need to know.

If there is not enough space, please use a separate sheet of paper. Make sure that you

- tell us who the information is about, **and**
- put your full name and National Insurance number on each sheet of paper, **and**
- sign and date each sheet that you use.

Part 22: Filling in this form for someone else

Are you filling in this form for someone else?

Surname

Other names

Any other surnames you have been known by

Title

Date of birth

National Insurance (NI) number

You can get this from payslips or from tax papers.

Address

Mobile phone number

Daytime phone number, if different

No ☐ Go to **Part 23 Declaration**.

Yes ☐ Tell us about yourself below.

Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Other title

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Letters Numbers Letter

Postcode

work ☐ home ☐ mobile ☐

Part 22: Filling in this form for someone else continued

Are you signing this form for someone else?

- No ☐ Go to **Part 23 Declaration**.
- Yes ☐ Even though you can fill in this form for another adult, they must still sign it themselves unless one or more of the following apply.
Tick one of the boxes below.

I am signing this form on their behalf because

I have Power of Attorney for them.

- ☐ Please send us your power of attorney document or certified copy with this claim form. Remember to sign the **Declaration** at **Part 23**.

I am a receiver or deputy for them under a Court of Protection Order, or in Scotland a tutor, curator or guardian appointed in terms of the law.

- ☐ Please send us the relevant document or certified copy with this claim form. Remember to sign the **Declaration** at **Part 23**.

The Department for Work and Pensions has already appointed me to get their benefits and to deal with letters about their benefits.

- ☐ We will send all letters about this claim directly to you.

They cannot manage their own affairs because of a mental illness or a mental disability.

- ☐ We will get in touch with you about this. The Department for Work and Pensions may appoint you to get their benefits and to deal with letters about their benefits.

They are so ill or disabled they find it impossible to sign for themselves.

- ☐ We will get in touch with you about this.

If the person does not know you are signing this form for them, please tell us why.

Part 23: Declaration

Please read the Notes at the front of this form, and the text below.
Then sign and date the form at the bottom of this page.

- **I declare** that I have read and understand the notes at the front of this form, the information I have given on this form is correct and complete and I have included all my income and savings.
- **I understand** that I must report all changes in my circumstances which may affect my entitlement promptly and by failing to do so I may be liable to prosecution or face a financial penalty. I will phone **0345 608 8545**, or write to the office that pays my benefit, to report any change in my circumstances.
- **If I give false** or incomplete information or fail to report changes in my circumstances promptly, I understand that my Employment and Support Allowance may be stopped or reduced and any overpayment may be recovered. In addition, I may be prosecuted or face a financial penalty.
- **I agree** that
 - the Department for Work and Pensions
 - any approved health care professional advising the Department
 - any organisation with which the Department has a contract for the provision of assessment servicesmay ask any of the people or organisations mentioned on this form for any information which is needed to deal with
 - this claim for benefit
 - any request for this claim to be looked at againand that the information may be given to that approved health care professional or organisation or to the Department.
- **I also understand** that the Department may use the information which it has now or may get in the future to decide whether I am entitled to
 - the benefit I am claiming
 - any other benefit I have claimed
 - any other benefit I may claim or be awarded in the future.
- **I agree** to my doctor, or any doctor treating me, being informed about the Secretary of State’s determination on
 - limited capability for work
 - limited capability for work related activity, or
 - both.

This is my claim for Employment and Support Allowance.

Signature

Date

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Please tick this box if someone filled in this form for you.

Part 24: What to do now

- Check

that you have answered all the questions on this form that apply to you and your partner, if you have one.
- Check

that you have given us ALL your account details in **Part 20 How we pay you** if you want to be paid directly into your account.
- Check

that you have signed and dated this form.
- Check

that you have sent us all the documents we have asked for. Use the checklist below.

Proof of identity

It is important that we can be sure of your identity when you claim Employment and Support Allowance. We may need to ask you more questions about this. We may also need to see official documents that help prove your identity.

A National Insurance number is not proof of identity.

Even if you do not have all the documents we ask for, **send this form back to us straight away**. Send us the documents you do not have later.

You may lose benefit if you do not provide original documents within one month of the date that your claim form was sent to you.

You	Your partner	Claim form ☒ This Employment and Support Allowance claim form. About you and your partner ☐ Any passport or immigration documents we have asked for. ☐ Any proof we have asked for about an asylum application.	You	Your partner About money ☐ Proof of savings over £5,500 including any share certificates. ☐ Proof of savings over £9,500, if you or your partner live in a care home. ☐ Proof of any pension income you have told us about. ☐ Proof of any payments from a credit insurance policy. ☐ Any proof we have asked for about any other money coming in.
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Part 25: Where to send your form and documents

Send this form and any documents we have asked for in the enclosed envelope.

Part 26: What happens next

- If you are entitled to Employment and Support Allowance we will write to tell you how your benefit has been worked out and how you will be paid.
- If you are not entitled to Employment and Support Allowance we will write to tell you why and what to do if you disagree with the decision.
- If you have claimed Housing Benefit or applied for a reduction in Council Tax, your local council will get in touch with you.
- We will not be able to deal with your claim and may have to send your claim form back to you if
 - you have not answered all the questions on this form that apply to you and your partner, if you have one, or
 - you have not provided all the documents we have asked for.

For our use

Declaration

The answers I have given to the questions on this form have been read back to me. I agree they are correct and complete as far as I know and believe.

Claimant’s signature

Date

/ /

Interviewing officer’s signature

Interviewing officer’s name