

(Universal Credit)

working together

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Date Received:

Claim Reference:

Local Council Tax Reduction Form

Part 1 - Personal Details	You	Your partner
First name		
Surname		
Address		
	Postcode:	Postcode:
Date moved in		
Date of birth		
Tel. No.		
Email address		
National insurance number Date	$\bigcirc \bigcirc $	$\bigcirc \bigcirc $
Universal Credit Awarded	Please provide proof of Universal Credit Award with this form	Please provide proof of Universal Credit Award with this form
Do you or your partner get Disability Living Allowance, Personal	No Yes We will write to you about this	No Yes We will write to you about this
Independent Payments, Attendance Allowance:	Care£Mobility£Is this paid to a Mobility Scheme?	Care£Mobility£Is this paid to a Mobility Scheme?
	No Yes Daily Living Rate £	No Yes   Daily Living Rate £   Attendance Allowance £
Does anyone get Carer's Allowance or the carer element of Universal Credit for looking after you or your partner?	No Yes We will write to you about this	No Yes We will write to you about this
Have you or your partner been told that you are entitled to Carer's Allowance or the carer element of Universal Credit, even if you do not receive it because you are getting another benefit instead?	No Yes We will write to you about this	No Yes We will write to you about this

To find out more about Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction call or visit our website **Stafford Borough Council** tel **01785 619478** | web **www.staffordbc.gov.uk** | **www.staffordbc.gov.uk/benefitforms Cannock Chase Council** tel **01543 464292** | web **www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk** | **www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/benefitforms** 

## Part 2 - About children

We need to know about any children in your household who are:

- under 16
- aged 16 or 17 and registered for work or youth training; or
- aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 and in education doing a course not higher than GCSE A-level, SCE Higher level or GNVQ (advanced).

Are there any children in your household as described above?	No 🔘 Go to part 3	Yes	If you are sending a sep sheet of paper, tick this	
	First child	Second child	Third child	Fourth child
Last name				
Forename				
Date of birth				
What is the child's sex?				
The child's relationship to your partner				
Usual address, if different from yours				
Part 3 - About other peop	le who live with you	u		
<b>Now tell us about all the people</b> Do not tell us about people who			l.	
<b>Do any adults usually live with y</b> (People over 16 who nobody get		No 🔘 Yes 🔾	If you are sending a se sheet of paper, tick thi	
		First person	Second person	Third person
Last name				
Forename				
Date of birth	(			
National Insurance Number				

#### Their relationship to you or your partner

Some examples are aunt, brother, daughter, father, grandson, grandmother, stepdaughter, joint tenant, owner, subtenant, lodger, boarder or friend.

#### Do they get:

Income Support	No 🔘	Yes 🔘	
Pension Credit	No 🔘	Yes	
Employment Support Allowance Income Related	No 🔘	Yes	
Contribution Related	No 🔘	Yes 🔘	
Job Seekers Allowance		$\sim$	
Income Based	No 🔾	Yes	
Contribution Based	No 🕖	Yes 🕖	
Universal Credit	No 🔾	Yes	If yes, are they working? No Yes Please ensure you answer the questions about their earnings
Any other benefits	No 🔘	Yes	tell us which

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

	First person	Second person	Third person
Are they registered blind?	No 💭 Yes 💭	No 🔘 Yes 🔾	No 🔘 Yes 🔾
Are they a full-time student, a student nurse, a care worker, an apprentice or on youth training?	No Yes tell us which	No Yes tell us which	No Yes tell us which
Do they pay rent or money for board and lodgings to you or your partner?	£ each week	£ each week	f each week
Does this include money for meals?	No Yes Which ones? Breakfast Lunch	No Yes Which ones? Breakfast Lunch	No Yes Which ones? Breakfast Lunch
Does this include money for heating?	No 🔘 Yes 🗍	No 🔘 Yes 🔾	No 🔿 Yes 🔾
Are they in legal custody at the moment?	No 🔘 Yes 🗍	No 🔘 Yes 🔾	No 🔘 Yes 💭
Are they in hospital at the moment?	No 🔿 Yes 🔾	No 🗘 Yes 💭	No 🔿 Yes 🔾
When did they go in?			
When are they due to come out (if you know)?			
Do they normally work for 16 hours or more a week?	No Yes Tell us their earnings before any deductions. <b>£</b> each week We need to see proof of their earnings.	No Yes Tell us their earnings before any deductions. E each week We need to see proof of their earnings.	No Yes Tell us their earnings before any deductions. <b>£</b> each week We need to see proof of their earnings.
Do they have any other income at all? Make sure you tell us about all the other income they have.	No Yes tell us about it below	No Yes tell us about it below	No Yes tell us about it below
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This includes any benefits or allowances you have not told us about on this form and interest from savings and investments.

#### First other income

Where does this income come from?

How much is it before deductions?

Do you receive this weekly, fortnightly, monthly or calendar monthly?

We need to see proof of this income.	We need to see proof of this income.	We need to see proof of this income.

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

<b>Second other income</b> Where does this income come from?					
How much is it before deductions?	£		£	(£	
	We need t this incom	to see proof of ne.	We need to see p this income.		le need to see proof of his income.
Do you receive this weekly, fortnightly, monthly or calendar monthly?					
<b>Third other income</b> Where does this income come from?					
How much is it before deductions?	£		£	(£	
	We need t this incom	to see proof of ne.	We need to see p this income.		/e need to see proof of nis income.
Do you receive this weekly, fortnightly, monthly or calendar monthly?					
Are any of the people who normally live with your	No 🔘	Yes 🔿 Tell us	their names below.		
partners?		i	s the partner of		
		i	s the partner of		
Part 4 - Other Income in addition to Uni	worsal (	rodit			
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Are you or your partner receiving or waiting to receive any Benefits, Pensions or other types of income that are not listed on your Universal Credit award letter?	No 🔾	Ň	Yes 🕖 Tell us the	e details belov	Ν.
If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this	box 🔘				
You			Your p	artner	
The name of the benefit,		The name of the	. (		
pension or other income		pension or other	$\bigcirc$		
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The name of the benefit, pension or other income		The name of the pension or other	· /		
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## Part 5 - Additional Information

If you have anything else you want to tell us please use the box below

## Part 5 - Backdating

We can usually award benefit from the Monday after the day we receive your claim. Sometimes we can pay benefit from an earlier date if you have a good reason for not claiming earlier.

If you want us to consider paying your benefit from a earlier date please tell us what date you want to claim benefit from.

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Have your circumstances since then been the same as on this form?	No 🕖	Yes 🕖
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We will contact you again about this.

## Part 6 - Declaration

Please read this declaration carefully before you sign and date it. If both you and your partner are claiming, you must both read the declaration before signing and dating the form. This declaration applies to both the person claiming and their partner.

- This is my claim for Local Council Tax Reduction.
- I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete as far as I know.
- I authorise you to check the information I have given with other sections within the council, the Rent Service, other councils or authorities handling public funds, as long as you do so only to prevent and detect fraud and error.
- I understand that you will share the information you hold on your computer to prevent and detect fraud and error by providing information to the Housing Benefit Matching Services and the Audit Commission's National Fraud Initiative.
- I understand that if I give incorrect or incomplete information or documents, or fail to report any changes that might affect my benefit, I may be prosecuted.
- I know I must tell you immediately of any changes that may affect the amount of benefit I receive.
- I know I must tell you, my local council if:
  - I start or stop getting Universal Credit;
    - anyone living with me has a change in their situation, such as starting work;
  - anyone moves in or out, even if it is a temporary move;
- I understand that it is my duty to tell you about any of the changes above and that I cannot rely on any other organisation or person to tell the council on my behalf.
- I know and accept that if I do not report any changes affecting my benefit, or I give incorrect or incomplete information, I must repay any overpayment.
- I accept that you may prosecute any person who gives incorrect, incomplete or misleading information to fraudulently claim a Local Council Tax Reduction.

#### How we use your personal information

We will use the information you provide to process your Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction claim. We will only share your information, when necessary, with agencies involved in the processing of benefits or where the law requires or allows us to.

Cannock Chase District Council is the Data Controller for any claims or information submitted by residents of the Cannock Chase area, for further information, please see <a href="https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/PrivacyNotice">www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/PrivacyNotice</a>.

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Signature of person claiming	Print name	<b>D</b> /
		Date
Partner's signature	Print name	Date

By law, we may pass your personal information to other local authorities and government departments and agencies to prevent and detect fraud, corruption, money laundering and other crimes.

# Warning - if you give false information or fail to tell us of changes in your circumstances you may receive a financial penalty under Schedule 3, Local Government Finance Act 1992 or be prosecuted under Social Security Administration Act 1992 or the Fraud Act 2006

**If this form has been filled in by someone other than the person claiming -** Please tell us why you are filling in this form for the person claiming and confirm the person claiming understood and answered all the questions.-

Name of the person who filled in this form		
Signature of person	Relationship to the person claiming	_
		Date

## Part 7 - About returning the form

Please make sure you have answered all the questions on this form and have provided the proof we need. We will not be able to work out your Local Council Tax Reduction until we receive this proof. We will usually pay Local Council Tax Reduction from the Monday after we receive your form.

#### Please send or take your form to one of the following.

The Benefit Section	The Benefit Section
Civic Centre	Civic Centre
Beecroft Road	Riverside
Cannock	Stafford
Staffordshire	Staffordshire
WS11 1BG	ST16 3AQ

Alternatively, you can upload this form and submit it electronically through the benefit portal:

https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/benefits/benefit-line-access

https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/benefitforms

#### Help with the form

If you need any help when filling in the application form, please phone us on **01543 464292** or **01785 619478** or visit the Council offices in Cannock, Rugeley, Hednesford or Stafford.

#### Part 8 - Changes you must tell us about

You must tell us straight away, in writing, if any information in this form changes. If you are not sure whether the change will affect your reduction, tell us anyway. Tell us yourself, do not rely on someone else (for example, another council department, HM Revenue & Customs, the DWP or other people).

If you do not tell us about changes in your circumstances you may lose reduction you are entitled to, or you may receive too much reduction which you will have to pay back. We may also take action against you, including court action or financial penalty.

### Fraud

If you know, or suspect that someone is claiming Local Council Tax Reduction they are not entitled to, phone us on 01543 464292 or 01785 619478

If you know about anyone claiming any benefit they are not entitled to, ring the **National Benefit Fraud Line** on **0800 854440** 

This form can be provided in Braille, on audio cassette tape/disk, LARGE PRINT and in other languages on request to

> Stafford Borough Council tel 01785 619478

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