

Employment and Support Allowance

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Department for
Work and Pensions

How to claim



The best way to make a claim is by phone.

Please contact us on **0800 055 6888**.

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 22 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.

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.

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 are married to or a person you live with as if you are married to them, or
- a civil partner or a person you live with as if you are civil partners.

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.hmrc.gov.uk

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 we collect and use information

The information we collect about you and how we use it depends mainly on the reason for your business with us. But we may use it for any of the Department's purposes, which include

- social security benefits and allowances
- child support
- employment and training
- private pensions policy, and
- retirement planning.

We may get information from others to check the information you give to us and to improve our services. We may give information to other organisations as the law allows, for example to protect against crime.

To find out more about how we use information, visit our website www.dwp.gov.uk/privacy-policy 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.direct.gov.uk/benefits

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.direct.gov.uk/benefits

Before you fill in this form

To work out if you need to fill in this form 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 below.

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 is before the date you first got in touch with us.

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.

No 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 go to page 25.

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.

Do you have a partner?

No Please go to **Part 2**.

Yes Does your partner, if you have one, 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

You

Everyone must fill in this column.

Surname

Other names

Any other surnames you have been known by

Title

Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Other title

Date of birth

/ /

National Insurance number

You can get this from payslips or from tax papers.

Letters

Numbers

Letter

Address

Please tell us your address, and tell us your partner's address, if 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 22**

Other information.

Mobile phone number

Daytime phone number, if different

Code

Number

work

home

Nationality

For example, British.

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

/ /

Letters

Numbers

Letter

Code

Number

work

home

Part 3 **About your illness or disability**

You

Your partner

What date did your illness or disability start?

/ /

/ /

Please give brief details of your illness or disability

Name of doctor who signs your medical statements

Address of doctor who signs your medical statements

Postcode

Postcode

Phone number of doctor who signs your medical statements

Code Number

Code Number

Are you getting Statutory Sick Pay?

No Please go to the next question.

Yes Please send your current medical statement to us. Go to the next page.

Are you entitled to Statutory Sick Pay?
If you are not sure, please ask your employer.

No Ask your doctor for a medical statement from the 8th day of your illness or disability, and send it to us.

Yes

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.**

You

Do you think that the special rules apply to 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.

Have you already asked for a DS1500 Report for your claim for Disability Living Allowance?

No

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

Have you already sent the DS1500 Report with your claim for Disability Living Allowance?

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 do voluntary work or you are temporarily absent from work, 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.

Your partner

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

Yes Please tell us about this below.

	You	Your partner
Will your employer keep paying you if you are off work because of an illness or disability?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you get any money for expenses?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the employer pay any money towards a pension for you?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the work you do voluntary work?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Can you choose whether or not to be paid for the work?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Can your partner choose whether or not to be paid for the work?
	Do you get anything else in return for working? For example, things like accommodation or food.	Does your partner get anything else in return for working? For example, things like accommodation or food.
	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you self-employed or a sub-contractor?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> We will send you a form B16 to fill in and return to us.	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● an auxiliary coastguard ● a part-time fire-fighter ● a part-time member of a lifeboat crew, or ● territorial or reserve forces. 		
Are you involved in a trade dispute? By 'trade dispute' we mean a dispute between you and your employer or ex-employer.	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> We will write to you about this.

You

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

No

Yes Tell us when you will be well enough to work.

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Are you going to go back to work?

No

Yes What date will you go back to work?

/ /

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

No

Yes Please tell us about this below.

What date and time did you start the shift?

/ / at am / pm

What date and time did you end the shift?

/ / at am / pm

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

No

Yes Please tell us about this below.

What date and time will you start the shift?

/ / at am / pm

What date and time will you end the shift?

/ / at am / pm

If you have more than one employer, please tell us about them in **Part 22 Other information**.

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
- Reduced Earnings Allowance
- State Pension
- Severe Disablement Allowance
- Unemployability Supplement
- 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 Council Tax Benefit. We will ask you about this later.

You

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

No Go to **page 12**.

Yes Please tell us about these benefits on **page 11**.

Your partner

No Go to **page 12**.

Yes Please tell us about these benefits on **page 11**.

	Benefit 1	Benefit 2	Benefit 3
Name of the benefit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Who is getting the benefit?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Reference number You can find this number on letters we have sent about the benefit.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
How much is paid?	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
How often is it paid?	Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> 4 weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text" value="every"/>	Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> 4 weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text" value="every"/>	Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> 4 weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text" value="every"/>
What day is it paid?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
How is it paid?	Direct into a bank or building society account <input type="checkbox"/> By cheque <input type="checkbox"/>	Direct into a bank or building society account <input type="checkbox"/> By cheque <input type="checkbox"/>	Direct into a bank or building society account <input type="checkbox"/> By cheque <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of next payment	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>
Is any money being deducted from the benefit?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
How much is being deducted?	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
What is it being deducted for?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If you need to tell us about more than 3 benefits, please tell us in **Part 22 Other information**.

You

Your partner

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.

No

Yes

No

Yes

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

No

Yes

No

Yes

Date of last claim or payment

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Name of the person being cared for

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Address of the person being cared for

Postcode

Postcode

Does anyone care for you on a regular basis?

No

Yes

No

Yes

What is their name and address?

Postcode

Postcode

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.

No

Yes

No

Yes

You

Your partner

Children or qualifying young persons

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

No
Yes

No
Yes

No
Yes Who gets the allowance?

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?

No
Yes What rate is paid? Lower rate
Higher rate

No
Yes What rate is paid? Lower rate
Higher rate

No
Yes What rate is paid? Lower rate
Higher rate

Is the Disability Living Allowance for help with personal care?

No
Yes What rate is paid? Lowest rate
Middle rate
Highest rate

No
Yes What rate is paid? Lowest rate
Middle rate
Highest rate

No
Yes What rate is paid? Lowest rate
Middle rate
Highest rate

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?

No
Yes

No
Yes

No
Yes Who gets the benefit or help?

You

Your partner

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

No

No

Yes

Yes

Reference number

Are you currently getting Return to Work Credit?

No

No

Yes

Yes

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

No

No

Yes Date of the last payment

Yes Date of the last payment

Do you get In Work Credit?

No

No

Yes Date of the last payment

Yes Date of the last payment

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

No

No

Yes Please tell us about them below.

Yes Please tell us about them below.

Their surname

Their other names

Their address

Postcode

Postcode

Numbers

Letters

Numbers

Letters

Their Child Benefit reference number

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Part 7 About time spent abroad

Have you

- worked or claimed benefit, or
- been a member, or in the family of a member of HM Armed Forces

outside the United Kingdom in the last 5 years?

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

Which countries did you go to, and when?

You

No

Yes

Country

From

 / /

To

 / /

Country

From

 / /

To

 / /

Your partner

No

Yes

Country

From

 / /

To

 / /

Country

From

 / /

To

 / /

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

Employed by a foreign employer

Self-employed

Employed by a foreign employer

Self-employed

Employed by a UK employer

Claimed foreign benefit

Employed by a UK employer

Claimed foreign benefit

Claimed UK benefit abroad

Claimed UK benefit abroad

Were you abroad because you were in HM Armed Forces?

No

Yes

No

Yes

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

No

Yes

No

Yes

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

You

Your partner

Are you exempt from paying UK income tax?

No

Yes

No

Yes

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

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

	You	Your partner
Are you getting or waiting to hear about any statutory payments now?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please tell us about this below.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please tell us about this below.
Name of the statutory payment	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Who do you get your statutory payment from?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
How much money do you get and how often?	£ <input type="text"/> every <input type="text"/> weeks / months	£ <input type="text"/> every <input type="text"/> weeks / months
What day is it paid?	<input type="text"/> day	<input type="text"/> day
Have you ever had a statutory payment in the past?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Part 9 About pensions.	No <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Part 9 About pensions.
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please tell us about this below.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please tell us about this below.
Name of the statutory payment	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Who did you get your statutory payment from?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
How much money did you get and how often?	£ <input type="text"/> every <input type="text"/> weeks / months	£ <input type="text"/> every <input type="text"/> weeks / months
What day was it paid?	<input type="text"/> day	<input type="text"/> day
If you need to tell us about any other statutory payments, tell us in Part 22 Other information.		

You

Your partner

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.

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 22 Other information.**

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 22 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.

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

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Personal pension | <input type="checkbox"/> | Personal pension | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Occupational, work or employee's pension | <input type="checkbox"/> | Occupational, work or employee's pension | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Retirement annuity contract | <input type="checkbox"/> | Retirement annuity contract | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public service pension | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public service pension | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pension paid to you as a beneficiary | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pension paid to you as a beneficiary | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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 22 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
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Postcode

Code	Number
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Has your contract of employment ended with this employer?

No

Yes When did it end?

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

No

Yes

No

Yes When did it end?

/	/
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No

Yes

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**.

Full name of the head of the household

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title

Relationship to you

No

Yes Names of the people you share with

Names of the people you share with

No

Yes Name and address of the council

Name and address of the council

Postcode

No

Yes Please tell us their name and address.

Please tell us their name and address.

Postcode

Your partner

No

Yes Tell us about this below.
Then go to **page 25**.

Full name of the head of the household

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title

Relationship to you

No

Yes Names of the people you share with

Names of the people you share with

No

Yes Name and address of the council

Name and address of the council

Postcode

No

Yes Please tell us their name and address.

Please tell us their name and address.

Postcode

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?

You

No

Yes

£ every weeks / months / year

Your partner

No

Yes

£ every weeks / months / year

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.

No

Yes

No

Yes

Are you already getting, waiting to hear about or intending to claim

● **Housing Benefit**

No

Yes

No

Yes

● **Council Tax Benefit?**

These benefits do not affect the amount of Employment and Support Allowance you can get.

No

Yes

No

Yes

To claim Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit, fill in the form **HCTB1**. Then send the completed form **HCTB1** to your local council.

Did you claim Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit with a previous claim for

- **Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income Support, or**
- **Employment and Support Allowance?**

No

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

No

Yes

No

Yes Did you get an extra 4 weeks payment for your rent or council tax when you started work after your 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 anyway. Please answer all the questions on 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**.

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?

Surname	Other names	Date of birth	Male or female		Relationship to you For example, son, daughter, niece, grandson, stepdaughter or none	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?	
			M	F			No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
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Tell us in **Part 22 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

You and your partner

No **Yes** **Amount**

£

Building society accounts, including current accounts

£

Post Office® accounts

£

National Savings & Investments accounts

£

National Savings Certificates

£

Number of units

Issue number

Purchase price

£

Premium bonds

£

£

Income Bonds or Capital Bonds

£

Number of units

Name

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

£

Date you got the payment

/ /

Insurance for repairs or possessions

£

Money from the sale of a home

£

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.

You and your partner

No Yes Amount

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 £ Number of shares Name of company

Please tell us about any other shares in

Part 22 Other information.

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.

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?

No

Yes What is it? Property
Land

Tick **Yes** if the property or land is
● on a mortgage or loan, or
● jointly owned.

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?

--

Who does this property or land belong to?

--

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?

No

Yes Please tell us about this below.

Money 1

Money 2

Who gets this money?

Where does the money come from?

How much money do they get and how often?

£ every weeks / months

£ every weeks / months

What day is it paid?

day

day

If you need to tell us more about any other money coming in, please tell us in **Part 22 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.

No

Yes Please tell us about this below.

Who is owed this money?

Money 1

Money 2

How much money are they owed?

£

£

What is this money owed for?

When do you expect the money to be paid back?

/ /

/ /

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.

No

Yes Please tell us about this below.

Who gets this money?

Money 1

Money 2

Who is this money for?

Who is paying you this money?

How much money do you get and how often?

£ every weeks / months

£ every weeks / months

What day is it paid?

day

day

Part 15 **About other money coming in** continued

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

No

Yes Please tell us about this below.

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?

Direct to the supplier

To you or your partner

To the credit company

How much is paid and how often?

£ every weeks / months

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 22 Other information**.

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

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 22 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.

No

Yes Please tell us about this below.

Rent 1

Rent 2

Who pays the rent?

Who do they pay?

How much do they pay?

 every every

What day do they pay it?

 day day

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

Heating

Meals

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 22 Other information**.

Full name

Title

Date of birth

Relationship to you

Do they work for 16 hours or more a week?

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

Yes Please tell us about these people.

Person 1

Full name

Title Other title

Date of birth

Relationship to you

No

Yes

Person 2

Full name

Title Other title

Date of birth

Relationship to you

No

Yes

Person 3

Full name

Title Other title

Date of birth

Relationship to you

No

Yes

Person 4

Full name

Title Other title

Date of birth

Relationship to you

No

Yes

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.

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.

Do they have any money coming in?

Person 1

No

Yes

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

How much is coming in and how often?

£ every weeks / months / year

Person 2

No

Yes

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

How much is coming in and how often?

£ every weeks / months / year

Does this person usually live with you?

No

Yes

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

Postcode

No

Yes

Postcode

When did this person start to live with you?

/ /

/ /

Do you know when this person will stop living with you?

No

Yes When will they stop living with you?

/ /

No

Yes When will they stop living with you?

/ /

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**.

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

Yes **Make sure you fill in form HCTB1 to claim Council Tax Benefit and send it to the council.**

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

No

Yes

Whose name is the mortgage or loan in?

Yours Your partner's Both

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.

No

Yes Please tell us what it is for.

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

No

Yes

Whose name is the mortgage or loan in?

Yours Your partner's Both

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.

No

Yes Please tell us what it is for.

Part 17 Owning your home continued

Was your original mortgage taken out before October 1995?

No

Yes Please tell us about this below.

Original mortgage

Remortgage or home loan 1

Remortgage or home loan 2

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?

Current address

Previous address

Current address

Previous address

Current address

Previous address

If you or your partner have more than 2 remortgages or home loans, please tell us in **Part 22 Other information**.

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

No

Yes Have you made a claim on the insurance policy?

No

Yes

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

No

Yes

Do you or your partner pay ground rent?

No

Yes How much is paid and how often?

£ every weeks / months / year

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

Is your or your partner's home leasehold?

No

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

No

Yes

How many rooms are there in your home?

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

 rooms

Part 18 Living in a care home

You

Your partner

Do you or your partner live in a care home?

No Please go to **Part 19**.

Yes

No Please go to **Part 19**.

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 you 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 Please go to **Part 19**.

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** continued

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

No

Yes Please tell us about this below.

	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3	Payment 4
What is this payment for?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
How much do you expect to get?	<input type="text" value="£"/>	<input type="text" value="£"/>	<input type="text" value="£"/>	<input type="text" value="£"/>
When will you get this payment?	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>
How often will this be paid?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If you need to tell us about more payments, please use the space under **Part 22 Other information**.

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

To you

Direct to your lender

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

No

Yes Please tell us about the last payment you received.

What was this payment for?	<input type="text"/>
How much did you get?	<input type="text" value="£"/>
When was this paid?	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>

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.

	You	Your partner
<p>If a UK national, do you or your partner have the right of abode in the UK?</p> <p>For example, you have the right of abode in the UK if you are a British citizen.</p> <p>By the <i>right of abode</i> we mean you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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

<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Please tell us about this below.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>You can find the phone number and address on the advert in the business numbers section of the phone book. Look under Jobcentre Plus.</p>
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What is your nationality?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Which country have you come from?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
What date did you last come to the UK?	<input type="text" value=" / /"/>	<input type="text" value=" / /"/>
Was this to work in the UK ?	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Has the Home Office put a limit on how long you can stay in the UK?	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	Person 1	Person 2
Does your passport say no recourse to public funds ?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have lived in the UK before, when did you last leave the UK?	<input type="text" value=" / /"/>	<input type="text" value=" / /"/>
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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.ukvisas.gov.uk
 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 22 Other information**.
We may get in touch with you for more information.

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

	You	Your partner
Are you or your partner an asylum seeker?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Did you first apply for asylum before 3 April 2000?	No <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Send us proof of the asylum application with this form. Or you can bring the proof to your local Jobcentre Plus.	No <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Send us proof of the decision with this form. Or you can bring the proof to your local Jobcentre Plus.	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> / / </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> / / </div>
Have you or your partner been supported by the Home Office while waiting for a decision on your asylum application?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Please go to Part 20 . Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Please go to Part 20 . Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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

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 system works for payments into an account.

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.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	–	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	–	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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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.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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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.

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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 **Post office details**

Please give details of your local post office.
We still need post office details even if your money is paid into an account.

Postcode

Part 22 **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.

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Part 23 Filling in the form for someone else continued

Are you signing this form for someone else?

No Please go to **Part 24 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 24**.

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 24**.

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 24 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 the information I have given on this form is correct and complete as far as I know and believe and I have included all my income and savings.
- **I understand** that if I knowingly give information that is incorrect or incomplete, my benefit may be stopped and I may be liable to prosecution or other action.
- **I understand** that I must promptly tell the office that pays my benefit of anything that may affect my entitlement to, or the amount of, that benefit.
- **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 medical 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.

Under sections 111A and 112(1A) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 it is an offence to fail to notify a change of circumstances promptly.

Failure to tell us about a change in your circumstances promptly may result in action being taken against you.

Part 25 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
Partner

Claim form

this Employment and Support Allowance claim form

About you and your partner

any passports or immigration documents we have asked for

any proof we have asked for about an asylum application

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

You
Partner

About illness or disability

Medical statements

form **SSP1**

DS1500 Report

About work, education or training

the last 5 weekly payslips or last 2 monthly payslips, if you or your partner are still working

form **P45**

discharge papers if you have just left HM Forces

Part 26 **Where to send your form and documents**

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

Part 27 **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 Council Tax Benefit, 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 name

Interviewing officer's signature