Council Tax Reduction (known as Council Tax Support) claim form

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Please complete, print and return this form as soon as possible to: The Benefits Service, Council Offices, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford SG13 8EQ Alternatively click the send button. This will open your email application and attach as a new message.

SBC Tel: 01438 242440 EHC Tel: 01279 655261 Email: benefits@hertspartnership-ala.gov.uk

Your name

Your address (inc postcode)

Telephone number

Email

Don't delay - claim today!

Do not delay returning this form if you do not have all the information that is asked for.

Filling in the form

- Use black ink to fill in the form. Do not use pencil. If you make a mistake, just cross it out and put the right answer next to it. Do not use correction fluid or tape. Please initial any alterations.
- Answer 'Yes' or 'No' questions by ticking \checkmark the relevant box. If you are picking an answer from a list of answers, put a tick in the relevant box. Do not put a cross in any boxes. If you answer a question with a cross or do not answer a question we will have to send the form back, and this will delay the claim.
- If someone else fills in the form for you, there is a special space for them to sign in Part 13. You must sign Part 13 as well.
- If you require help filling out this form or require a home visit due to illness or disability please call us between 9am and 5pm to discuss arrangements.

Please tick which you want to claim:

Council Tax Support can be claimed if you are liable to pay Council Tax

Second Adult Rebate can be claimed if you are the only person liable for Council Tax and you have other adults living with you who are on a low income



The personal information you supply on this form will be used for the processing of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support and will be used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. For more information go to www.eastherts.gov.uk/dataprotection or contact the Council's Information Management team by email on foi@eastherts.gov.uk or by telephone on 01279 655261.



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Notes for filling in the claim form

About this form

The Council Tax Support claim form has been specially designed to be easy to fill in. It is long, but we have to ask a lot of questions to make sure that everyone who claims gets the right amount of support.

You may not have to fill in all parts of the form, but you must fill in any part that is relevant to you. Every part starts with a question to help you decide if you need to fill in that part.

Second Adult Rebate

Second Adult Rebate is Council Tax Support you can get if you share your home with someone who is not your partner, is on a low income, is 18 or over, and does not pay you rent.

If you are claiming Second Adult Rebate, only fill in Parts 1, 3, 11 and 13.

Evidence

We need to see evidence of some of the things you tell us about. The checklist at the end of the form will help you. If you are not sure if we need to see evidence of something, get in touch with us. We will tell you what we need to see. We cannot pay your Council Tax Support until we have seen the evidence we have asked for.

How we collect and use information

We will use the information you give in this form, and in any supporting evidence you send us, to process your claim for Council Tax Support. We will normally keep your records for up to seven financial years, and then they will be destroyed securely.

We may pass the information to other agencies or organisations such as the Department for Work and Pensions and HM Revenue and Customs, as allowed by law. We may check information you have provided, or information about you that someone else has provided, with other information we hold. We may also get information about you from certain third parties, or give them information, to:

- make sure the information is accurate; and
- prevent or detect crime; and
- protect public funds.

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

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

The Council is the data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. If you want to know more about what information we have about you, or the way we use it, please ask us.

If we award Council Tax reduction

If we decide to award Council Tax Support, we will review your claim regularly. This may involve an unannounced visit to your home by our Visiting Officer. We may also post you a form that you should complete and return to us with all relevant supporting evidence.

Changes you must tell us about Tell the Council's benefits section straight away if;

- any of your children leave school or leave home; or
- anyone moves in or out of your home (including lodgers, joint tenants and subtenants); or
- your income or the income of anyone living with you, including benefits changes; or
- your capital, savings or investments change; or
- you or anyone living with you becomes a student; an apprentice; goes into hospital or a nursing home; goes into prison; or gets, changes or leaves a job; or
- you move house; or
- you or your partner are going to be away from home for more than a month; or
- you receive any decision from the Home Office; or
- anything you have told us about changes.

You must tell us about these changes in writing – a phone call is not enough.

If you don't tell us about these changes, you may lose money you are entitled to or you may get too much Council Tax Support. You must make sure that you tell us about these changes. Don't rely on someone else to pass on the message.

It is an offence not to tell us about any change of circumstance that affects your Council Tax Support. We may take court action against you. If we pay you too much Council Tax Support, in most cases, you will have to pay it back.

If you are just claiming Second Adult Rebate, only fill in Parts 1, 3, 11 and 13 of this form.

Part 1 About you and your partner

Do you have a partner who normally lives with you? No Yes A partner means a person you are married to or have a civil partnership with, or a person you live with as if you were their husband, wife or civil partner. (A civil partnership is a formal arrangement that gives same-sex partners the same legal status as a married couple). Even if your partner only comes home at weekends, or part of the week, you must include them. You Your partner Surname or family name Other names Any other surnames or family names you have used, such as before marriage or in a previous marriage Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms and so on) Address (including postcode) Do not tell us your partner's address if it is the same as yours. What date did you move in to this address? (first spent the night there) Your daytime phone number You do not have to tell us this, but it may help us to deal with your claim more quickly What is this number? Home Work Mobile Textphone Home Work Mobile Textphone Please tick. E-mail address We want to deal with your claim as quickly as we can and if we have your e-mail address we will contact you this way. Date of birth Letters Numbers Letter Letters Letter Numbers National Insurance number

You can find this on payslips or letters from social security or the tax office. We can decide your claim only if we see evidence that this is your National Insurance number (see part 14).

If you do not have a National Insurance number, or cannot find it, tick this box. If you do not have a National Insurance number, or cannot find it, tick this box.

We must see evidence of you and your partner's identity and National Insurance number. If you or your partner are asylum seekers, you must provide your current Home Office letter. Read the checklist in part 14.

Part 1 About you and your partner - continued

Are you living away from home at the moment?		No		Yes	Tell us why you	are not living at home.		
	When did you	last live a	at home?		When do you	expect to go back home?		
	Tell us the add	dress (inc	cluding pos	tcode) whe	re you are living	at the moment.		
	If your home has been sublet, tell us who lives there now.							
		Ye	ou			Your partner		
Have you or your partner claimed Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support before?	Νο	Yes \	When did yo	ou claim?	No	Yes When did you claim?		
	Which counci	l did you	claim from	?	Which cound	Which council did you claim from?		
	What name did you claim in?				What name did you claim in?			
	What address did you claim		ng postcod	e)	What addres did you claim	s (including postcode) 1 for?		

If you have moved home in the last 12 months, tell us your last address.

At this address, were you a	Home owner		Private tenant	Home owner		Private tenant	
	Council tenant		Boarder	Council tenant		Boarder	
Have you or your partner come to live in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man in the last 2 years?	No	Yes	We will write to you about this.	No	Yes	We will write to you about this.	

What is your nationality?

If your nationality is not British, on what date did you last enter the UK? The UK is England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Part 1 About you and your partner - continued

		You		Your partner
Are you or your partner in hospital at the moment?	No	Yes	No	Yes
When did you go in?				
When will you come out?				
Do you or your partner get Disability Living Allowance?	No	Yes	No	Yes
Do you or your partner get Personal Independence Payment (PIP)?	No	Yes	No	Yes
Do you or your partner get Attendance Allowance?	No	Yes	No	Yes
Does anyone get Carer's Allowance for looking after you or your partner?	No	Yes	No	Yes
Have you or your partner ever claimed Carer's Allowance or Invalid Care Allowance? Still tick 'Yes' if you claimed but were not paid any money.	No	Yes	No	Yes
Do you or your partner have a vehicle from a mobility scheme?	No	Yes	No	Yes
Are you or your partner a student?	No	Yes	No	Yes
	Do you study f	ull time or part time?	Do you study	full time or part time?
	Full time	Part time	Full time	e Part time
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Tick if you or your partner are:

an apprentice

on youth training

in legal custody

severely mentally impaired

registered blind

long-term sick or disabled

Part 2 About children

You may be able to get more Council Tax Support if there are children in your household and they are:

• under 16; or

and in full-time further education or approved training - 46 ~ 20

 aged 16 to 20 and in full-time 	further educ	ation or approv	ed training.					
Are there any children in your h	ousehold?	No	Go to F	Part 3.				
		Yes		are more than 4 ation we ask for c		a separate sheet	of paper to tel	l us all the
		If you are s	ending a sep	arate sheet of p	aper, tick this	s box.		
Surname or family name	First cl	hild	Second	child	Third	child	Fourth	child
Other names								
Date of birth								
What is the child's sex?	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
The child's relationship to you								
The child's relationship to your partner								
Usual address (including postcode) if different from yours								
Child Benefit number								
Who gets the Child Benefit for them? We need to see proof of this.								
Is the child registered blind?	Νο	Yes	Νο	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Does the child get Disability Living Allowance?	No	Yes	Νο	Yes	No	Yes	Νο	Yes
Do you pay a registered childminder, nursery or after-school club any	Νο	Yes	Νο	Yes	Νο	Yes	No	Yes
childminding costs for	If yes, please tell us the name and registration number of the childcare provider.							

this child?

Part 3 About other people who live with you

Do any adults usually live with you and any partner you have?	No	Go to Part 4.					
	Yes	Answer all questions in this section					
		an people over 16 who nobody gets Child Benefit for out people who just share a hall, bathroom or toilet w					
	Now tell us about all the people who usually live with you and your partner. If you want to tell us about more than 3 people, use a separate sheet of paper.						
	If you are sending a separate sheet of paper, tick this box.						
	First person	Second person	Third person				
Surname or family name							
Other names							
Date of birth							

Their relationship to you or your partner

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

When did they move in?

Do they get Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Universal Credit, Pension Credit or Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)?	Νο	Yes	Νο	Yes	Νο	Yes		
Do they get Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance?	No	Yes	Νο	Yes	No	Yes		
Do they get Personal Independence Payment (PIP)?	No	Yes	Νο	Yes	No	Yes		
Are they registered blind?	No	Yes	Νο	Yes	No	Yes		
Are they	Full-time student		Full-time s	Full-time student		Full-time student		
	Student nurse		Student nu	irse	Student nu	rse		
	Care worker		Care work	er	Care worke	r		
	Apprentice		Apprentice		Apprentice			
	None of the	above	None of th	e above	None of the above			
Do they pay rent or money for board and lodgings to you or your partner?	Νο	Yes How much per week?	No	Yes How much per week?	No	Yes How much per week?		
Are they severely mentally impaired?	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes		
Are they in legal custody at the moment?	Νο	Yes	No	Yes	Νο	Yes		
	exp	en are they bected to be eased?	ex	/hen are they kpected to be leased?	ex	nen are they pected to be eased?		

Part 3 About other people who live with you - continued

Are they in hospital at the moment?	No	Yes				
		163	No	Yes	No	Yes
		When did they go in?		When did they go in?		When did they go in?
Do they normally work for 16 hours or more a week?	Νο	Yes Tell us their earnings before any deductions.	No	Yes Tell us their earnings before any deductions.	No	Yes Tell us their earnings before any deductions.
Do they have any other income?	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
This includes any benefits, allowances, tax or pension credits you have not told us about on this form and interest from savings and investments.	First other ty	pe of income	First other typ	First other type of income		be of income
	How much is it	before deductions per week?	How much is it b	efore deductions per week?	How much is it t	before deductions per week?
	Second other type of income S		Second other type of income		Second other type of income	
	How much is it	before deductions per week?	How much is it before deductions per week?		How much is it before deductions per week?	
	Third other ty	vpe of income	Third other ty	pe of income	Third other ty	pe of income
	How much is it	before deductions per week?	How much is it b	efore deductions per week?	How much is it t	before deductions per week?
Are any of the people who live with you married to each other, civil partners of each other, or living together as if they are married or civil partners?	No	Yes Tell us the and	ir names	is the partner of is the		

We must see evidence of all income and interest from savings for the people shown above. Read the checklist in Part 14.

Part 4 About Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Universal Credit, Pension Credit (Guaranteed Credit) and Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)

Are you or your partner getting Income Support, income based Jobseeker's Allowance, Universal Credit, Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit) or Employment and Support Allowance (income related) at the moment?

Are you or your partner still waiting to hear about a claim Yes for Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Universal Credit, Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit) or Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)?

		You		Your partner				
ance, e ince	No	Yes	When did you start getting it?	Νο	Yes	When did you start getting it?		
bout ed nsion	No	Yes	When did you claim?	Νο	Yes	When did you claim?		

Part 5 About benefits, tax credits and state pensions

Are you or your partner getting any of the benefits or credits listed below, or are you waiting to hear about benefits or credits you have claimed? Read the list of benefits and credits below and tell us about any that you or your partner are getting now or have claimed. Please put a line through any boxes that do not apply to you or your partner. We will need to see evidence of the benefit or credit, such as an award letter.

No Go to Part 6. Yes Tell us about the benefits below.

			You			Your partner			
Pensions	Yes	How much do you	get?	How often is it paid?	Yes	How much do you g	get?	How often is it paid?	
State Retirement Pension		£				£			
Pension Credit (Savings Credit)		£				£			
Widow's Allowance or Bereavement Allowance		£				£			
Widowed Parent's Allowance or Widow's Pension		£				£			
War Widow's or War Dependant's Pension		£				£			
War Disablement Pension		£				£			
Industrial Injury/ Disablement Pension		£				£			
Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance Benefits and allowance	es	£				£			
Contribution-based Job Seeker's Allowance		£				£			
Child Tax Credit		£				£			
Working Tax Credit		£				£			
Employment Training Allowance		£				£			
Child Benefit		£				£			
Incapacity Benefit		£				£			
Employment and Support Allowance - contribution based		£				£			
Personal Independent Payment		£				£			
Attendance Allowance		£				£			
Disability Living Allowance:									
Mobility Component		£				£			
Care Component		£				£			
Carer's Allowance		£				£			
Severe Disablement Allowance		£				£			
Maternity Allowance		£				£			
Fostering Allowance		£				£			
Any other benefit, pension or money from the government		£				£			
Are you repaying a Social Fund loan or overpayment for any of these benefits?		No Yes	Whi	ch one?		No Yes	Whie	ch one?	
Have you or your partner deferred (put off) receiving a pension?		No Yes	Plea	ase give details		No Yes	Plea	se give details	

Part 6 Income other than earnings

Do you or your partner have any money coming in (or expect to have some money coming in) that you have not already told us about on this form? You do not need to tell us about

No

Go to Part 7.

payments from the Indepen					Yes	Answer the questions on this page.		
		You		Your partner				
	Yes	How much do you get?	How often is it paid?	Yes	How much do you get?	How often is it paid?		
Private Pension 1 paid by								
	£			£				
		Date of next increase			Date of next in	crease		
Private Pension 2 paid by								
	£			£				
		Date of next increase			Date of next in	crease		
Pension Protection Fund Payments	£			£				
Youth Training Scheme payment or Training Credits	£			£				
Maintenance for you	£			£				
Maintenance for your child - including CSA	£			£				
Student grant or loan	£			£				
Payments from boarders	£			£				
Weekly amount from letting or sub-letting part of a property	£			£				
Payments from a charity	£			£				
Any other income e.g. Redundancy or Loan Protection Payments (please give name)	£			£				

We must see evidence of any money or pension coming in before we can decide how much Council Tax Support you can get. Read the checklist at Part 14 to see what you can use as evidence.

Part 7 About working for an employer

		You	Your partner				
Do you or your partner work for an employer?	No	Go to Part 8.	No	Go to Part 8.			
	Yes	Answer the questions in this part	Yes	Answer the questions in this part			
Do you work for more than one employer?	No	Yes	No	Yes			
	Tell us about all the employers on a separate sheet of paper and send it with this form. Include all the information asked for below.						

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

What kind of work do you do?

Part 7 About working for an employer - continued

What is your employer's name and address (including postcode)?

When did you start this job?						
How much do you get paid before tax and National Insurance is taken off?						
How often do you get paid?						
How are you paid? For example, in cash, by cheque or straight into a bank or building society account. How many hours a week do you usually work?						
Give details of any regular overtime, bonuses, commission or tips.						
Are you getting Sick Pay, Maternity Pay, Paternity Pay or Adoption Pay from your employer at the moment?	Νο	Yes	When did it start?	No	Yes	When did it start?
Do you pay into a private or company pension scheme?	No	Yes	How much?	No	Yes	How much?
			How often?			How often?

We must see 5 weekly, 3 fortnightly or 2 monthly consecutive pay slips before we can decide how much Council Tax Support you can get. Read the checklist at Part 14 to see what you can use as evidence.

Part 8 About being self-employed

		You		Your partner						
Are you or your partner self employed?	No Go to Part 9.		No	Go to Part 9.						
	Yes	Answer the questions on this page.	Yes	Answer the questions on this page.						
	You must send us your trading accounts for the last financial year. If you have only recently set up the business and do not have a full year's accounts, we will need to see some other evidence of income. We will write to you about this.									
What kind of work do you do?										
When did the business start?										
What is the business address? (including postcode)										
Are you a director of the business?	No	Yes	No	Yes						
Are there any other partners in the business?	No	Yes	No	Yes						
Other business partners address?										

(including postcode)

Part 8 About being self-employed - continued

	You		Your partner			
Did you get a Business Start-up Allowance?	Νο	Yes	How much?	Νο	Yes	How much?
			How often?			How often?
Do you pay into a private or company pension scheme?	No	Yes	How much?	No	Yes	How much?
			How often?			How often?

We must see evidence of your earnings before we can decide how much Council Tax Support you can get. Read the checklist at Part 14 to see what you can use as evidence.

Part 9 About any other work

	You			Your partner		
Do you or your partner do any other work? This could be voluntary work, therapeutic work or any other work.	No	Go to Part 10.		No	Go	to Part 10.
	Yes		wer the questions iis part	Yes		wer the questions his part
What kind of work do you do?						
What is the name and address of the person you do this work for? (including postcode)						
When did you start this work? How many hours a week do you usually work?						
now many nours a week to you usually work?						
Do you get paid for this work?	No	Yes	How much?	No	Yes	How much?
			How often?			How often?

We must see evidence of any earnings before we can decide how much Council Tax Support you can get. Read the checklist at Part 16 to see what you can use as evidence.

Part 10 About bank accounts, savings, investments and property

		You	Your partner		
Do you, or your partner, have any bank accounts, savings, property or investments	No	Yes	No	Yes	
in the UK or abroad? This includes cash, current accounts and		Answer the questions on this page.		Answer the questions on this page.	
savings accounts with a bank or building					

savings accounts with a bank or building society, post office accounts, premium bonds, National Savings Certificates, stocks, shares. and property.

issue, purchase date and

number of units.

Yes

Answer all the questions in this part.

We must see evidence of all the capital, savings and investments.

We will need statements or pass books covering the last 2 months at least.

Please answer these questions for yourself and your partner. Please include empty and overdrawn accounts, whether in one name or joint names held with someone else.

		Account number/name/other details	Your balance/value	Partner's balance/value
Do you have bank, building society or post office accounts?	No		£	£
(including current accounts). If yes, please give details.	Yes		£	£
			£	£
			£	£
			£	£
			£	£
			£	£
			£	£
			3	£
		Name of stock, share or unit trust		Number held
Do you have any stocks, shares, unit trusts? If yes, list the names	No			
of investments and number of shares held.	Yes			
Do you have National Savings Certificates? If yes,list the	No			

People who have more than £16,000 in capital are not eligible to receive Council Tax Support (although special rules apply to people who receive guaranteed pension credit). Capital includes money, property, land or capital held outside the United Kingdom.

who receive guaranteed pension	on credit). Capital includes money, property, land or	capita	i neia outsiae tr	ie United Kingdom.
Do you have other investments, redundancy payments, premium	No			
bonds, Tessas, ISAs, SAYE, cash etc? If yes, please give details.	Yes			
(Please also use this space if				
you need to tell us more about any of the above savings.				
Have you or your partner received any backdated benefit	No			
or deferred payments, such as State pension, which you have	Yes			
added to your savings?				
If yes, please give details. Do you or your partner own or				
partly own any property or land	Νο			
except the home you live in, either in the UK or abroad? Tick 'Yes',	Yes			
even if you have a mortgage or				
loan for the property or land. This includes jointly owned properties.				
Please tell us the address.				
How much is it worth		£		
If you have a mortgage or loan for this much is left to repay?	s, how	£		
Have you or your partner received con	npensation payment relating to the second world war?		Νο	Yes

Part 11 Backdating

We can usually award Council Tax Support from the Monday after the day we get your claim. Sometimes, we can award this from an earlier date if you have a good reason for not claiming earlier. If you want us to consider paying your Council Tax Support from an earlier date, tell us when you want this from (maximum six month for working age claims from request date).

Tell us the date you want to claim Council Tax Support from. (maximum up to six months before the date you claimed)

Tell us all the reasons why you could not claim before today.

Part 12 Anything else you need to tell us

Use the box below to tell us anything else you think we should know about. Use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form if you need to.

If you are sending separate sheets of paper with this form, tell us how many.

Part 13 Declaration

Even if someone else has partly or fully filled in this form for you, you MUST sign this declaration if you can. If you have a partner, it would be helpful if they sign below to confirm that all the details about them are correct. Please read this declaration carefully before you sign and date it. I understand the following:

- If I give information that is incorrect or incomplete, you may take action against me. This may include court action.
- You will use the information I have provided to process my claim for Council Tax Support, or to assess any discount or grant for Council services. You may check the information with other sources as the law allows.
- You may use any information I have provided for this and any other claim for social security benefits that I have made or may make. This includes any
 Discretionary hardship payment. We may give some information to other government organisations, such as government departments and local councils, if the
 law allows this. The Council may share data with the government in order to combat fraud and reduce error and this includes the use of tracing agents.

I know I must let the Council's Benefit Section know immediately in writing about any change in my circumstances or the circumstances of anyone living with me, which might affect my claim. If I do not, you may take action against me. This may include court action.

I declare that this is my claim for Council Tax Support and the information I have given on this form is correct and complete. I authorise the Council to make any necessary enquiries to check that the information is true and correct. I have read and understood this declaration, and my responsibilities in reporting any changes in my circumstances to the Council.

Signature of person claiming

Partners Signature

If this form has been partly or fully filled in by someone who is not the person claiming, please tell us why you are filling in this form for the person claiming.

As far as possible, I have confirmed with the person claiming that the answers I have written on this form are correct. If I am making this claim on behalf of the above person, I understand that I am liable for what I have written on the form and accept that the declaration applies to me.

Name of the person who filled in the form

Signature of person claiming

Relationship to the person claiming

Part 14 Check list

Please tick to tell us what evidence you are sending with this form. We must see original documents, not copies. If you bring them to our Custome	er
Service Centre, we will take the details we need and give you the documents back straight away.	

If you do not provide all the evidence we need, we might not be able to pay you any Council Tax Support. We need the same evidence for your partner, if you have one, and for any other adults living in your home.

If you cannot send the evidence we need at the moment, send the form back to us now and send the evidence later. We can start to process your claim, but we will not be able to pay you any Council Tax Support until we have all the evidence. Please tell us now in Part 12 if you cannot supply the evidence within one month.

Evidence of identity

Such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, passport, National Insurance number card, medical card, driving licence, UK residence permit, current Home Office letter, EU identity card or recent gas or electricity bill. We may need to see several of these documents for each person.

Evidence of National Insurance number

Such as a National Insurance number card, payslips or letters from social security or the tax office.

Evidence of savings, investments and property

Such as all your bank, building society or post office books, full bank statements, or certificates for premium bonds, National Savings Certificates, ISAs, Tessas, stocks, shares and unit trusts. The evidence you send must show details for at least the last 2 months. Electronic statements are acceptable but they must be accompanied by a signed statement.

Evidence of earnings

This means your last 5 payslips if you are paid every week, your last 3 payslips if you are paid every 2 weeks, or your last 2 payslips if you are paid every month. We can send a form to your employer to fill in if you do not have these payslips. Electronic pay slips are acceptable but they must be accompanied by a signed statement. If you or your partner are self-employed, we need to see your accounts for the last financial year or, if you have been trading for less than 6 months, a summary of your trading records so far. We can supply a form.

Evidence of other income

Such as pension slips from a former employer or a letter from the court showing how much maintenance you are getting. We need to see evidence of any money people pay you for board and lodgings.

Evidence of benefits, allowances, tax credits, pension credits or pensions

Such as current award notices or letters from the Department for Work and Pensions confirming how much you get. If you do not have evidence, let us know straight away.

Evidence of other money paid out

Such as letters about student grants or maintenance, or agreements or receipts from registered child carers.

Date



Part 15 For Council Tax Support enquiries at our offices

Claims for East Herts Council

Council Offices, The Causeway, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2ER Council Offices, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford SG13 8EQ Tel: **01279 655261** www.eastherts.gov.uk

Claims for Stevenage Borough Council

Customer Services Centre, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, Herts SG1 1HN Tel: **01438 242440** www.stevenage.gov.uk Mon - Fri 8.30am - 5pm Tues 8.30am - 4pm Weds 8.30am - 12:30pm

Mon - Fri 8:30am - 5:30pm

If you cannot get to us, phone us and we can arrange for our Visiting Officer to come to you.

- You can Fax us on 01992 531442
- We will provide signers, lipspeakers and deaf blind interpreters by appointment

Email: benefits@hertspartnership-ala.gov.uk

If you are awarded Council Tax Support we will credit this to your Council tax account

Independent Advice is available from your local Citizens Advice Bureaux

Bishop's Stortford

74 South Street Bishop's Stortford CM23 3AZ

Buntingford

Manor House High Street Buntingford SG9 9AB

Hertford

Council Offices Wallfields Pegs Lane Hertford SG13 8EQ

Sawbridgeworth

Town Council Offices Sayesbury Manor Bell Street CM21 9AN

Ware Outreach

20 Tudor Square West Street Ware SG12 9XF

Stevenage

Swingate House Danestrete Stevenage SG1 1AF

Hertfordshire telephone advice line

03444 111 444

10am-4pm Monday - Friday www.ehcas.org.uk

We will treat the information you give us on this form confidentially. We will use it to work out your Council Tax Reduction. We will put this information on a computer system registered under the Data Protection Act 1984. We may check it with other information held about you.