



Housing Benefit: Application for an extra room allowance for an approved foster carer

This form should be completed by a person who rents their home and claims Housing Benefit (including Local Housing Allowance) and they or their partner, are an approved Foster Carer. Please read the guidance notes overleaf.

Section A – To be completed by the Claimant

Name of Claimant: _____ Case Ref : _____

Name(s) of Foster Carer(s): _____

Name of Foster Child: _____ (use space overleaf for more than one child)

Address: _____

Number of bedrooms at property: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please hand this form to the local authority fostering service or fostering agency to complete the remainder of this form.

Section B - To be completed by the local authority fostering service or fostering agency

Date above person(s) became an approved foster carer(s): _____

Does the above foster carer(s) have children placed with them at present? Yes / No

If 'yes' please give date you anticipate the current placement to end: _____

If 'No', please give date last placement ended: _____

Name and full address of local authority or agency the above foster carer is registered with:

Name of person completing this form: _____

Position Held: _____

e-mail address: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

I confirm that all of the details I have provided are correct.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Office stamp

Please return this completed form directly to Sefton Council. PO Box 21, Bootle, L20 3US

Guidance notes

This form should be used by Housing Benefit claimants who are approved foster carers.

When calculating the number of bedrooms a person requires for Housing Benefit purposes, one bedroom is allowed for each of the following: -

- a single claimant or any adult couple
- any two children aged under 10
- any two children of the same sex aged 15 or under
- any other adult aged 16 or over
- any other child
- a non resident carer*

*A bedroom is allowed for a carer, who lives elsewhere and stays overnight on a regular and frequent basis to look after you or your partner, provided there is a 'spare' bedroom available for them to use.

One additional bedroom can also be allowed in the following circumstances:

- If you or your partner have a foster child (or foster children) placed with you
- You or your partner have had a foster child (or foster children) placed with you in the last 52 weeks
- You or your partner have become an approved foster carer within the last 52 weeks

If you are fostering more than one child and require more than one bedroom for those children, any additional help with your rent can only be met by way of applying for a Discretionary Housing Payment.

You can apply for a Discretionary Housing Payment online via the Sefton Website, www.sefton.gov.uk/benefits

Names of additional foster children:
