



# Claim for Backdated Benefit

Please tick boxes as appropriate

I wish to claim backdated:

Housing Benefit

Council Tax Benefit

For the period from

to

My name is:

My present address is:

The reason that I could not claim earlier was:

*please continue on a separate sheet*

I declare that the above information is correct.

Signed:

Date:

Anglia Revenues Partnership



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## what is backdated benefit?

When you claim Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit, the benefit you receive will normally start from the Monday after your claim is received at the benefit office.

You may be able to get more help before this date if you have a good reason for the delay in making your claim.

If you could not apply earlier you may be able to get benefit for up to 52 weeks before your claim was made. This extra benefit is called 'backdated benefit'.

## pensioners over 60

If you are over 60 we will consider your claim for up to 52 weeks prior to receiving your form. You will need to let us know your income for this time so that we can work out whether you are entitled. You will not need to ask us to backdate your claim.

## what is a good reason?

A good reason is any reason that stopped you from claiming benefit.

Some examples are:-

- having to go into hospital
- being seriously ill
- death of a close relative
- wrong advice from someone who should have known better.

For example: Council staff, Benefits Agency, C.A.B.

However, simply not applying is not a good enough reason, and neither is not understanding the benefit rules unless there was also a reason that stopped you from finding out how you could claim.

## how do I claim?

Please fill in the form overleaf and return it to:-

**Breckland Council**  
**'Benefits'**  
**Breckland House**  
**St. Nicholas Street,**  
**Thetford.**  
**IP24 1BT**

**Forest Heath Council**  
**College Heath Road**  
**Mildenhall**  
**Bury St. Edmunds**  
**Tel: 0800 163030**

## what happens next?

We will reply within fourteen days. If you claim is refused you may ask for a review of the decision if you think that it is wrong.

Tel: 01362 656872

Fax: 01842 756513

email: [BenefitEnquiries@angliarevenues.gov.uk](mailto:BenefitEnquiries@angliarevenues.gov.uk)

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