

BACKDATE FORM - continued

SignatureDate.....

Please send this form to:

**Benefits Services
Ryedale District Council
PO Box 69, Ryedale House
Old Malton Road
MALTON YO17 7ZL**

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We will look carefully at your reasons and decide whether you have proved 'good cause' for the whole of the period you did not claim or for part of it.

We will then write to you and tell you what our decision is.

If you disagree with our decision you have the right to appeal. You should let us know in writing, giving your reasons, within 1 month. You can get a separate leaflet giving details about this.

WHO CAN HELP YOU?

Independent advice is available from the following:-

Citizens Advice Bureau
☎ Malton (01653) 692740

Citizens Advice Bureau
☎ Scarborough (01723) 368710

Citizens Advice Bureau
☎ York (01904) 636066

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BENEFITS

Getting Your Benefit Backdated

**You may be entitled to have your claim for
benefit backdated to before you
actually claimed**

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

The Government have made various rules and regulations telling us how to work out benefits.

- Benefit usually starts from the Monday after you make a claim for Housing and/or Council Tax Benefit with us, or the Benefits Agency.
- The regulations say that we must backdate your benefit for up to 6 months before the date you claimed, if you show that you had a good reason for not claiming at the correct time.
- We must be satisfied that a reasonable person of your age, health and experience would have acted in the same way as you did. This is known as providing 'good cause' for making a late claim.

