

Request for benefit on two homes

Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Date tenancy began:

Date you moved in:

Your old address:

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Postcode:

Date Tenancy ended:

Reason for your application

Are you wishing to claim:

Benefit on two homes

Benefit prior to moving in

(please tick as appropriate)

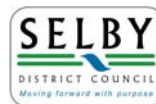
Please state your reason for the request:

We may write to you for additional information.

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Introduction

This guide is one of a number produced with the aim of helping customers understand Housing and Council Tax Benefit.

It is intended as a general guide. People have different circumstances so for more detailed individual advice please contact your local Council's Benefits Service.

Benefit on two homes

Normally, Housing Benefit is only payable for one home. However, benefit can be paid on two properties for up to four weeks in the following circumstances:

- You have moved into the new property, and
- You could not reasonably have avoided having to pay rent on both properties

It can, however be paid for up to 52 weeks in the following circumstances:

- Leaving a property through fear of violence (providing there is an intention to return to the main dwelling)
- Students and their partners unavoidably occupying two properties, or
- Large families that need to be housed in two properties

Benefit prior to moving in

You must make a claim for Housing Benefit before you move into your new property.

Benefit can be paid for a maximum of 4 weeks prior to moving into the new home if;

- You have moved into the new home; and
- You had to make payments on your new home before moving in; and
- You make a claim for Housing Benefit before moving in; and either
- The move was delayed while necessary adaptations were made to the new home to meet the disabled needs of you or a member of your household; or
- The move was delayed pending the outcome of a social fund application relating to your new home and your household includes a child aged 5 years or less, or a pensioner or a disability premium applies; or
- You had to make payments for your new home while you were a patient in residential care, hospital or a nursing home.

What do I do next?

You must tell us immediately if you think you may be entitled to an overlap of benefit or benefit prior to moving in. We will write to you if we need any further information.

We will tell you in writing whether or not you qualify for any additional benefit.

