## Application for Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP)



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Did you ask for a Pre-Tenancy Determination (PTD) before you accepted this lease?	Yes		No	
Were you able to afford the rent when you moved in?	Yes		No	
If 'Yes', how were you able to afford it?				
If 'No', why did you accept the lease?				
Have you asked your landlord to reduce your rent?	Yes		No	
If yes, what was the outcome?				
Have you tried to find cheaper accommodation?	Yes		No	
Is there any reason why you could not move if you found cheaper accommodation?	Yes		No	
If you have ticked 'Yes' please say why				
When does your current tenancy end?				
How much notice would you have to give to end your tenancy?				
Have you applied to be placed of the Midlothian Council Housing list?				
If you have ticked 'No' please say why				
Do you have any relatives or friends who could help you?	Yes		No	
Could they temporarily provide you with accommodation?	Yes		No	
Could they, or anyone who lives with you, help with the rent?	Yes		No	
Do you, or a member of your family, have any disabilities or health problems?	Yes		No	
If you have ticked 'Yes' please give details				
Have you recently been bereaved?	Yes		No	
If you have ticked 'Yes' please give details				

(Please tick ✓) Do you have any rent arrears? No If you have ticked 'Yes' please give details Do you have any other debts (HP, loans, fines, etc)? Yes No If you have ticked 'Yes' please give details What are your weekly expenses i.e. food, gas and electricity, etc.? (If any of these expenses are unusually high, please tell us why) If you are not receiving Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance, please give details of your income and capital. If you are a private tenant please tell us your bank account details to enable payment. Name of account holder Bank/building society Sort Code Account number Is there anything else you think we should know? (This will help us arrive at a correct decision). Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary but please be sure to put your name and address at the top.

## You must now sign and date the Declaration and return the completed form to:

Midlothian Council Buccleuch House P.O. Box 12956 Dalkeith Midlothian EH22 1YB

## **Declaration**

Read this part carefully and then you and your partner must sign below.

- The information I/we have given is true and complete.
- I/we will immediately let you know in writing if any of my/our circumstances change so that you may reassess my/our benefit.
- I/we consent to the Council making such enquiries as may be necessary in confirmation of any
  of the information I/we have given.
- If I/we give false information, I/we realise that I/we may be prosecuted.

Claimant's signature	Date
Partner's signature	Date

## **NOTES**

- Failure to complete all sections will delay any decision.
- DHP is designed to provide temporary assistance so that other arrangements can be made.
- The period that DHP is awarded is decided on an individual basis. The maximum period of award is up to the end of the financial year. (A financial year normally runs from the April of one year to the March of the following year).
- Although you can apply for further DHP after the end of the current award, you may not be successful or,
  if you are successful, the amount of the award is likely to be substantially reduced.
- Any decision made regarding a DHP award is a discretionary decision made by the Council and as such is not subject to appeal.

General Data Protection Regulation GDPR - We are asking for the following information in accordance with provisions of the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 1992 and Data Protection Act 2018. We will use this information to help us determine your liability for and to collect your Council Tax. You can find more information on how your personal information is used for Council Tax on our Privacy Notice which can be found at <a href="https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/privacy">www.midlothian.gov.uk/privacy</a>