Application for Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP)



Benefit Ref:	
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Date of Issue:

You must complete <u>ALL</u> numbered sections (If a question does not apply to you, please write n/a). Please read the notes at the end of this form.

Name	
Address	

1.) Please say why you, or a member of your family, are suffering exceptional hardship and require a Discretionary Housing Payment. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary but please be sure to put your name and address at the top.

What was the date that you moved to this address?
What was your previous address?
What was your reason for moving?

	(P	lease tick □)
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 'No' 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		

		(P	ease t	ick □)
Do you have any rent arrears?	Yes		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, e unusually high, please tell us why)	etc? (If any c	f these	expens	ses are
If you are receiving Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance		a dotails	ofvo	
income and capital.	, piedeo giv			
Is there anything else you think we should know? (This will he Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary but please be su at the top.				

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

Midlothian Council 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.