



Oadby and Wigston Borough Council

Customer Services

Benefits

Request for Local Housing Allowance to be paid to landlord

From April 7th 2008 under the Local Housing Allowance Scheme (LHA), Housing Benefit payments will be made direct to the tenant unless there are special circumstances to be considered

If you think that receiving direct payments will cause you/your client serious problems please complete this form and return it to us. We will need to see written evidence to support the request

Reason for request

- I am/the tenant is 8 weeks or more in arrears with the rent
- The tenant is unlikely to pay the rent
- I am/the tenant is likely to have difficulty paying the rent

Tenant Details

Name	
Address	
Telephone Number	
Housing Benefit Claim Number (if known)	

Customer Service Centre: 40 Bell Street, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 1AD
Write to us at: Council Offices, Station Road, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 2DR
Telephone: Leicester (0116) 288 8961 **Fax:** (0116) 288 7828
Website : www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk **Email:** benefits@oadby-wigston.gov.uk



Landlord Details

Name	
Address	
Telephone number	

We will need evidence that you / the tenant is in rent arrears. This could be a statement that shows the rent due and the rent that has been paid during the last 12 months or since the tenancy started:

The statement must include:

- Tenancy start date
- Rent charged
- Frequency that payments are due
- Current rent arrears outstanding
- Dates and amounts of all payments received in the last 12 months
- The statement must be signed and dated

Who is completing the form?

I (name) _____ Am completing the form myself

I (name) _____ from (organisation) _____

_____ am completing the form on behalf of the tenant

Please provide any evidence that supports this request. If you cannot provide evidence there may be a delay before a decision is made. (Tick all evidence supplied)

- Rent statement
- Tenant's statement
- Letter from support worker
- Letter from GP/Hospital
- Letter from solicitor/CAB
- Other _____ (Please specify)
- Other _____ (Please specify)
- Other _____ (Please specify)

Please explain below why you consider that Local Housing Allowance payments should be made to the landlord.

Declaration to be completed by the tenant

Even if someone has filled in this form for you, you must sign this declaration if you can.

I declare that the information I have given is correct and I authorise you to make enquiries to check any of the information or evidence I have provided.

Signature _____

Date _____

Declaration to be completed if someone other than the tenant has completed this form

I declare that as far as possible, I have confirmed with the tenant that the information I have written on this form is correct.

Signed _____

Relationship to the tenant _____

Organisation _____

Date _____

Please return the form to

**Benefits Team
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