

Application for civil legal aid Financial eligibility - Form 2

March 2024 CIV/FIN/2

Please read these notes before completing the form



You **should not** complete this form if you receive or are included in your partner's award of any of the four benefits listed below. Instead, please contact your solicitor to complete a Financial Form 1 for you.

- --- Income Support --- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance
- --- Universal Credit --- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance

Information to help you complete this form

- This form asks about money you and your partner receive, what you pay for your housing, debts etc. and asks about any capital you and your partner may have such as savings, investments, property etc.
- You should have documents such as you and your partner's bank statements to hand when completing this form.
- Complete the form in **CAPITAL LETTERS using black ink** and put an 'x' in the relevant box(es).

Why do we need all this information?

We need this information to decide if you qualify financially for legal aid. If you do qualify, we will calculate if you can afford to pay anything towards the cost of your case, if legal aid is granted. Our calculation is based on the information you tell us about in this form and the evidence you provide. It is very important that we have full details of your financial circumstances to make our decision.

What documents do you need to send and how do you send them?

Each section of this form tells you what documents you need to send us. If you have a partner, you need to send us these documents about your partners finances too. Generally, the documents we need to see are:

- statements for the last three months for all bank/building society accounts
- up to date statements for any savings/investments, credit/store card statements
- payslips for the last three earnings periods for people in employment.

Please send copies of your documents and not originals, as we do not return these documents to you. Do not use a highlighter on any documents. When we scan your documents to your application highlighted sections cannot be read.

We cannot look at your application if you do not send us the documents we ask for. Our decision will be delayed if we need to write to you for this evidence.

Returning your form

If your solicitor gave you this form, please return it to them along with the documents requested.

If we asked you to complete it, please send it to: Scottish Legal Aid Board, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh, EH12 5HE.

Please make sure your legal aid reference number is on the form. We suggest that you have the Post Office weigh your package to ensure you have paid enough for delivery. If you haven't paid enough there will be a delay on this being delivered to us.

You can also send this form and documents by email to financial@slab.org.uk.

If you need help with this form, contact the **Financial Assessment Unit** on 0131 560 2164. They are open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm.





Read these notes as you fill out the form.

You will only have this if you've already been granted legal aid.

Find this on your most recent P60 or other forms from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

If you have a middle name enter it here too.

We need a telephone number where you can usually be contacted between 9am and 5pm.

Tick Yes if you usually live together but you and your partner are often separated because of working away from home or one of you are currently in prison.

Section A - About you	If you are filling
A1. Legal aid reference number C I	in this form for someone else, please give their details and not your own.
A2. National Insurance number LETTERS NUMBERS	LETTER
A3. Are you Male Female	
A4. Forenames	
A5. Surname	
A6. Date of birth	
A7. Address	
Р	ost code
Email is not a secure method of communication. However, if you with your application by email, please provide your email address	
A8. Email address	
A9. Applicant's contact telephone number(s) Home Mobil	е
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B1. Are you in a relationship with someone? 1. Yes - go to question B2 2. No - go straight to Section C.	following statements and 'x' the box that accurately describes your circumstances.
B2. Are you in a civil partnership or married to your partner? 1. Yes - go to section B4 2. No - go to question B3.	
B3. Do you live with your partner?1. Yes - go to section B42. No - go to Section C.	
B4. Please enter your partner's details below.	
Partner's Name	
Partner's date of birth D D M M Y Y Y Y LETTERS NUMBERS Partner's National Insurance If your partner has legal aid, please tell us their Legal Aid reference	LETTER number(s)
Note: You must also complete Sections E, G & H telling us about	your partner's

Note: You must also **complete Sections E, G & H** telling us about your **partner's income, outgoings and capital.** They then need to sign and date the declaration at the end of this form.



Section C - Your household

	C1. Are there other people living with you, or with you and your partner? 1. Yes - go to question C2 2. No - go straight to Section D. C2. Please give details of everyone who lives in your household with you, or with you and your partner. Include your children, your partner's children, and any other adults, even if they are not related to you. Full Name Date of Relationship to Is the person attending college or university? Yes No Yes Yes No Yes Yes No Yes
	Section D - Your income Please tell us about the
If you are self- employed or a company director you will need to complete an additional form. This is called a CIV/FIN/4 and can be downloaded from	D1. Are you: 1.
www.slab.org.uk, or get one by calling the number on the front page.	8. Hospital or care home resident. Www.slab.org.uk or from your solicitor. D2. What is your job? D3. When did you start?
If you have any other jobs you need to give	D4. What are your employer's contact details? Company name & address Post code
us the same details asked for in questions D2 to D4. Do this in Section I - Other information.	Telephone number Fax n
If you receive the benefit, please 'x' the 'Yes' box and give more details.	D6. Do you receive any of these benefits, tax credits or other allowances? Yes How How Date first received much?
	Contribution-based Jobseeker's allowance Contribution-based Employment and support allowance

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Write the type of benefit, such as Armed Forces Independence Payment or Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit, and tell us how much and how often.

Maintenance is money paid by a spouse or partner you are divorced or separated from for their children. It can be paid voluntarily, or because of a court order, or through the Child Support Agency (CSA). If you should receive maintenance but are not being paid, please tell us about this, including the date you last received payment, in Section I - Other information.

If you receive the form of income listed please 'x' the 'Yes' box and give more details and provide evidence.

Tell us about any other kind of income here, such as Bursaries or Education Maintenance Payments.

Tell us about any other money you receive, such as regular support from family members or a charity and provide evidence. If you don't receive financial help please 'x' the 'No' box.

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Child benefit							
Child tax credit							
Incapacity benefit							
Working tax credit							
State pension							
Pension credit							
Disability living allowance							
Personal Independence Payment							
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Other benefits			Н	ow muc	:h?	Но	ow often?
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D7. Do you or any of the children with you get any maintenance. Yes, give details below.			payme staten evider	ents. If the nents you	his is sho u are er ded. Tell	ence of ma own in bank iclosing, no us in 'Sect	further ion I -
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D8. How is the maintenance paid?							
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Deposit into my account Yes	s 🗌	Ac	count nu	mber			
Cash Yes	s 🔲						
Other Yes	s 🗌	Р	lease spe	ecify			
D9. Do you receive any other form	of in	come	? Yes	How r	nuch?	How often	? Date first received
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Pension from an employer			$+ \overline{-}$				
Student grant							
Student loan							
Rental income from another property							
Board/rent from family, lodgers or boa	arders	5					
Interest from bank or building society	depos	it					
Dividends from shares							
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Other type of income			How	much	How	often	Date first received
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D11. If you are now in prison, pleased: Date you expect to be released: d d m m y y			ish Prisc	n Ident	ificatio	n Number	:



Read these notes as you fill out the form.

If your partner is self-employed or a company director, they will need to complete an additional form.

This is called a CIV/FIN/4 and can be downloaded from www.slab.org.uk, or get one by calling the number on the front page.

If your spouse or partner has any other jobs you need to give us the same details asked for in questions E2 to E4. Do this in Section I - Other information.

If your partner receives the benefit listed, please 'x' the 'Yes' box. Tell us if the benefit your partner receives is based on National Insurance contributions or on income. You will find this information on the fourth page of their letter of award or ask at the Jobcentre.

Write the type of benefit, such as Armed Forces Independence Payment or Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit and tell us how much and how often.

Section E - Your spouse or partner's income

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2. Self-employed (go to E6)	,		ridence				nd date the declaration
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3. Unemployed (go to E6)	-()		rnings: L				1. (1)
4. Company director (go to E	· 1	-					yslips (three th no gaps).
5. Full time student (E5 to E	9)						uly & August.
6. Retired (go to E6)							ployer to complete
7. Prisoner (go to E10)							rm CIV/FIN/3 from
8. Hospital or care home res	ident.	W	ww.slab.	org.	<u>uk</u> or	from y	our solicitor.
E2. What is your partner's job?							
E3. When did they start?							
E4. What are your partner's emplo	yer's c	ont	act deta	ils?			
Company							
name & address						Pos	t code
Telephone number				Fax	x nun	nber	
Email							
E5. Does your partner have any other	,						partner's onal jobs too.
E6. Does your partner receive any o	of these	e be	enefits, t	ax c	redit	s or oth	ner allowances?
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Contribution-based Employment and support allowance							
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Child tax credit	╁┼						
Working tax credit	+ $+$						
State pension	$\vdash \vdash$						
Pension credit	$\vdash \vdash \vdash$						
Disability living allowance	$+ \vdash$						
Personal Independence Payment	$\vdash \vdash$						
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Other benefits			Но	ow r	nuch?		How often?

If you said you have a spouse

You need to send us evidence of your partner's state benefits and tax credit entitlements. This could be a notification letter received in the last six months or if this is shown in the bank statements you are enclosing no further evidence is needed.



Read these notes as you fill out the form.	E7. Does your partner get any maintenance payments?	paym enclo Section	need to send us evicents. Or if this is she sing no further evicen I - Other information.	nown in the dence is ne	e bank sta eeded. Ple	tements you are ase tell us in
Maintenance is	Yes, give details below.	No Section	on other monne		y are pare	· III Colorii
money paid to your	Who is the maintenance paid to)?	How muc	h?	Н	ow often?
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their children. It can						
be paid voluntarily,	E8. Does your partner receive any o	ther form	of income?			
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Support Agency (CSA).	_		11077 11100111			received
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ceived payment,	Rental income from another property					
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listed, please	deposit					
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	Section F - Your outgoings					
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of miles you	Public transport - home to workplace					
el, there are	Public transport - home to college/unive	ersity				

How many miles

per day?

How many days

per week?

Vehicle type? (Car, Van, Motorcycle, Bicycle)

mileage

childcare.

calculators online.

Include any miles taking children to school and/or

Travel costs - personal

Home to college/university

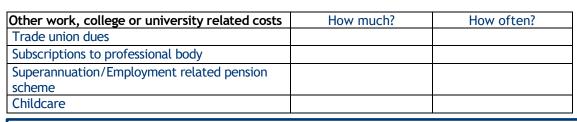
Home to workplace

vehicle





You need to send evidence of the housing costs you tell us about, unless the payments can be seen on the bank statements you send to us with this form.



You need to send evidence of the expenses you pay for childcare costs, subscriptions, and private pension/Additional Voluntary Contribution payments. This could be three payment receipts or if this is shown in the bank statements you are enclosing no further evidence is needed.



F2. Tell us what you are **liable** to pay for your housing costs. We deduct what you are liable to pay for your primary home, even if you cannot afford to pay the full amount at the moment

	How much?	How often?
Mortgage repayments		
Mortgage-linked policies		
Rent (council/social/private tenants)		
Council tax		
f you live in someone else's household, for ou pay below	example with family or f	riends, tell us what
	How much?	How often?
Rent/Board		
If you pay rent/board, do your payments to following?	o the householder cover a	ny of the
Electricity/Heat	DV DN-	
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Food	Yes No	
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F3. Tell us what you pay for any of the fol Buildings insurance	Yes No	How often?
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F3. Tell us what you pay for any of the fol Buildings insurance	Yes No	How often?

If you are receiving help towards your housing costs you need to show us evidence. This could be a recent notification or Housing Benefit Award letter.



F5. If you and/or any dependent adults/children living with you have additional or specific costs related to a disability, please give us details here

What is the cost for?	How much?	How often?

F6. Tell us what maintenance you pay for someone who doesn't live with you

How much?	How often?	How is payment made? (Cash or bank transfer)
	How much?	How much? How often?



If you are paying maintenance, you need to show evidence unless the payments can be seen on the bank statements you send to us with this form.

please tell us about their expenses here. They need to sign and G1. Tell us what your partner pays for work related date the declaration in Section J2. costs or further education below Travel costs - public transport How much? How often? Public transport - home to workplace Public transport - home to college/university If your partner Travel costs - personal vehicle How many miles How many days Vehicle type? uses their own (Car, Van, Motorcycle, Bicycle) per day? per week? vehicle to travel to work/further education. Home to workplace please tell us about this Home to college/university here. We will calculate Other work, college or university a deduction for this cost How much? How often? related costs based on the mileage Trade union dues rate set by HMRC. Subscriptions to professional body Include any miles taking Superannuation/Employment related pension children to school scheme and/or childcare. Childcare You need to send us evidence of the expenses your partner pays for childcare costs, subscriptions, and private pension/AVC payments declared. This could be three receipts or if this is shown in the bank statements you are enclosing no further evidence is needed. **G2.** Tell us what your partner is liable to pay for their housing costs. We deduct what they are liable to pay for their primary home, even if they cannot afford to pay the full amount at the moment. How much? How often? send us evidence Mortgage repayments of the housing costs Mortgage-linked life assurance you tell us about, Mortgage protection life assurance unless the payments Rent can be seen on the Council tax bank statements you If you partner lives in someone else's household, for example with friends or family, tell us send to us with this what they pay below. form. How much? How often? Rent/Board If you partner pays rent/board, do their payments to the householder cover any of the following? Electricity/Heat Yes No Food Yes No **G3.** Tell us what your partner **pays** for any of the following housing costs: How much? How often? **Buildings Insurance** Contents Insurance **Factor Fees G4.** Does your partner get housing benefit? Yes ☐ No Who is it paid to? How much? How often? ☐ Your partner Your partner's landlord

Section G - Your partner's outgoings

If you said you have a spouse

or partner in section B1,



Tell us about any other help your partner receives here. Write the type of help the cost is for and tell us how much and how often.

If your partner is paying maintenance, you need to show evidence of this. Attach a copy of a recent assessment or if this is shown in the bank statements you are enclosing no further evidence is needed.

You must tell us about <u>all</u> accounts you have and all those held jointly and/or accounts you hold in trust for another person.

If your children have accounts which you hold in trust you need to tell us about them too.

If you run out of space, you can tell us more in Section I - Other information.

G5.	If your partner and/or any dependent adults/children living with you have additional or
	specific costs related to a disability, please give us details here.

What is the cost for?	How much?	How often?

G6. Tell us what maintenance your partner pays for someone who doesn't live with you.

	How much?	How often?	How is payment made? (Cash or bank transfer)
Former spouse/partner			
Children			
Other relative			

Section H - Bank accounts and assets

Use this section to tell us about capital and assets held by you, AND capital and assets held by your spouse or partner.



H1. Do you or your partner have any of the following:

Bank current accounts	☐ Yes	Bank savings accounts	☐ Yes
Building society accounts	☐ Yes	ISAs	☐ Yes
Post Office accounts	☐ Yes	Other accounts	☐ Yes
Cash	☐ Yes	If you have cash, how much?	

If you said Yes above, give details of all your accounts:

Bank or building society name	Name of account holder	Account number	Type of account - e.g. current, deposit, ISA	Current balance

You need to send us statements for the last three months for all accounts declared above. These need to be three months in a row.

For example, June, July and August **not** June, July and then September. These statements need to show all transactions credited and debited and the balances during these periods. We won't be able to consider your application without this evidence.

H2. Do you or your partner have any of the following:

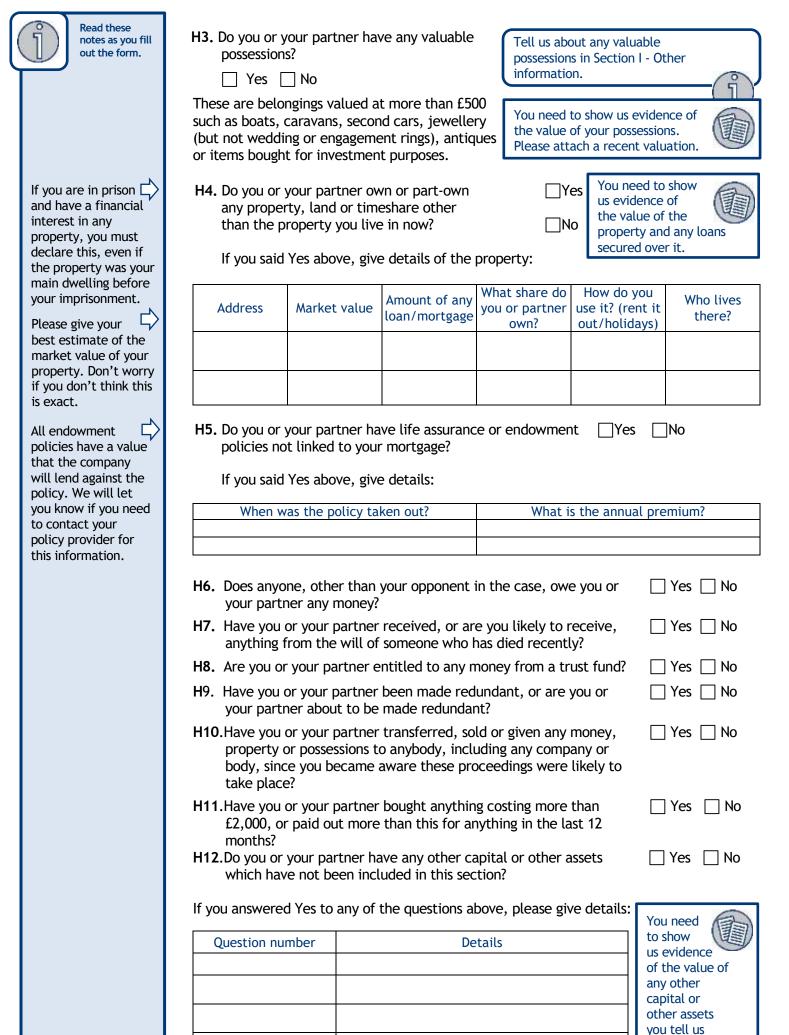
National Savings Certificates	Yes Yes	Premium bonds	☐ Yes
Capital bonds	Yes Yes	Stocks or shares	☐ Yes
Any other type of savings	Yes Yes		

If you said Yes above, give details of your savings:

Type of savings or investment	Current value	Do you receive an income from it?	If you receive income, how much?
		☐ Yes	
		☐ Yes	
		☐ Yes	

You need to show us evidence of any savings and investments you have. Please attach statements showing your current balances. These need to be your most recent annual statement(s).





about here.

The date you realised you would need civil legal aid to raise or defend a court action is, for example, the date you separated from your partner or spouse.

Please use this space to:

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Give us any further information or continue an answer you haven't had enough room for. If you are continuing an answer, please tell us the number of the question you're giving more information for.

Give us any other information you feel we should know about your financial circumstances. For example, if you have any special needs you have to spend money on for things like special diets and extra heating costs.

Tell us about any changes that may affect you soon, for example, if you are about to lose your job or you only receive an income sometimes.

Tell us if you are expecting a child, when your due date is and when you will start any maternity leave.

H13. When did you first realise you should co this matter?	nsult a solicitor about
H14. Have you reduced your income or capit money or property into someone else's the date you have given above in H.13?	, ,
H15. If so, how much?	
H16. If so, what did you or your partner use this money for?	

Section I - Other information

If you ran out of space elsewhere in the form you can continue your answer here. You can also tell us anything else you'd like us to know about you.



You and your spouse or partner must sign these declarations to say the information you've provided is true and correct. If you're filling out the form on a computer type your name.

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J1. Your declaration

For applicants:

a) I certify the information given in this application form is to the best of my belief and knowledge true and correct.

For representatives:

a) I declare that as far as I know the information, I have given is true, based upon the reasonable enquiries which I have been able to make, exercising due care and diligence.

For applicants and representatives:

- b) I consent to the Scottish Legal Aid Board making enquiries of any person or bodies as it may consider necessary, including my solicitor, my employer, my bank(s), the Department for Work and Pensions or HM Revenue and Customs in relation to this application. I authorise these other persons or bodies, including my solicitor, my employer, my bank(s), the Department for Work and Pensions or HM Revenue and Customs to provide the information required by the Board.
- c) I have been given a copy of the booklet "Civil legal aid information for applicants".
- d) I understand that I must inform the Board immediately:
- if my disposable income increases by £750 or more or decreases by £300 or more during the period of assessment which is the twelve months following the date of application
- if my capital increases by £750 or more during the period of assessment or the lifetime of the court case whichever is the longer
- of any changes in benefit during the period of assessment. I understand that the period of assessment is the twelve month
 period from the date the Board receives my legal aid application.
 I understand that I must also provide this information about changes in my partner's financial circumstances where his/her
 details have been given in this application under the "Partner" heading.
- e) I consent to the disclosure of this application, associated documentation and my case file held by my solicitor for quality assurance purposes including peer review and stage reporting.

Your signature □	Date Date
Print name 🖒	

Important information about your personal data

The Scottish Legal Aid Board (SLAB) is a data controller. The personal information provided by you will be used in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 and for our functions under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986.

SLAB may receive information about you from certain third parties (for example, some government departments and agencies), or give information to them. However we will not pass on information about you unless the law allows or requires us to do so. We will retain the personal information we hold about you in accordance with the requirements of our retention schedule then destroy or delete it in a secure manner.

Under the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 you have the right to make a formal request in writing to see the personal information we hold about you, to inspect it and to have it corrected if it is wrong. In addition you may also have rights to have your data erased or have your data moved. You may be able to object to processing if you believe it to be unlawful and subject to lawful restrictions. Where SLAB are responsible for unlawfully processing or disclosing your personal data and it is likely to cause a high risk to your rights and freedoms we will make you aware of this. To request your personal data you should write to SLAB's Data Protection Officer. If you are unhappy with the response you get from the Data Protection Officer and wish to complain you should write to the Director of Corporate Services and Accounts.

If you said you had a spouse or partner in Section B, and gave information about them throughout this application, they need to sign this declaration.

Your partner's signature

Print name

J2. Your partner's declaration

- a) I certify the information given in this application form is to the best of my belief and knowledge true and correct.
- b) I consent to the Scottish Legal Aid Board making enquiries of any person or bodies as it may consider necessary, including my employer, my bank, the Department for Work and Pensions or HM Revenue and Customs in relation to this application. I authorise these other persons or bodies, including my employer, my bank(s), the Department for Work and Pensions or HM Revenue and Customs to provide the information required by the Board.

 Date	d	a]	m	m	У	У	У	У



Please refer to the information box above about your personal data and rights before signing this declaration.

Attachments checklist

Use this section to check you have completed the form and have all the documents you need to.



We cannot deal with your application without the information detailed below. Our decision on your application will be delayed if we need to write to you to ask for these.

