

# Apply for help with fees

Reference (office use only)

If you have little or no savings and are on certain benefits or have a low income, you may not have to pay a court or tribunal fee, or you may get some money off.

[gov.uk/help-with-court-fees](https://www.gov.uk/help-with-court-fees)

## 1. Your personal details

Title

First and middle names

Last name

Date of birth

National Insurance number

Home Office reference no. (if applicable)

Complete this form using **CAPITAL LETTERS**.

The information you provide needs to be accurate as it will act as evidence for your application. We'll contact you if we need to see proof of this information.

**Home Office** - You may have a Home Office reference number and not a National Insurance number.

## 2. What is your status?

- Single
- Married or living with someone and sharing an income

**Your status** - If your case is against your partner, such as a divorce, dissolution or domestic violence, tick **single**. Do not include your partner's details in the following questions.

## 3. About your application

Form no.

If no number, briefly describe eg. Small claim hearing fee.

## 4. Do you have a case, claim or 'notice to pay' number?

- No
- Yes, the case, claim or 'notice to pay' number is

**Case, claim or 'notice to pay' number** - Find this number on letters from the court or tribunal.

### 5. Are you paying a fee for a probate case?

No

Yes, the name of the deceased is

Date of death

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**Probate** - These cases are usually about the property and belongings of someone who has died.

### 6. Have you already paid the fee?

No

Yes, the fee was paid on

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**Refunds** - You can apply for a refund for a fee paid in the last 3 months.

If you're applying for a refund, answer questions 7 to 11 about your circumstances at the time you paid the fee and include proof of payment.

### 7. How much do you have in savings and investments? (including your partner if you have one)

Less than £3,000 → go to question 9

More than £3,000 → go to question 8

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**Savings** - Include all savings and investments, eg ISAs or capital value from additional property you own.

If you have more than £16,000 then you won't be able to get help with your fees. See page 6 of the guide.

### 8. Are you (or your partner) 61 or over?

No. How much do you have in savings and investments?  
(including your partner if you have one)

£

Yes. How much do you have in savings and investments?  
(including your partner if you have one)

Less than £16,000

£16,000 or more

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### 9. Do you receive any of the benefits listed below?

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Income Support
- Universal Credit (and you're earning less than £6,000 a year)
- Pension Credit (guarantee credit)
- Scottish Civil Legal Aid  
(not Advice and Assistance or Advice by Way of Representation)

No → go to question 10

Yes → go to question 12

### 10. Do you receive any of the benefits listed below?

No

Yes, children

### 11. Do you or your partner have any other children that you support financially through maintenance payments?

No

Yes, children

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**Benefits** - If you're receiving any of these benefits, you're likely to get help with your fees.

We'll contact the Department for Work and Pensions to confirm that you are (or were) getting one of these benefits.

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**Children** - A child is a person under 16 years old and up to 19 if in full-time education.

If you answered Yes to Questions 10 or 11, please ensure any Child Benefit, Child Tax Credit or income maintenance payments for them are included in Question 12.

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**12. What is your total monthly income, before tax and National Insurance?**  
(including your partner if you have one)

Some benefits shouldn't be included - e.g. Carer's Allowance, Housing Benefit or childcare element of Working Tax Credit. See full list on page 10 of the guide.

	Your monthly income	Your partner's monthly income
Wages (before tax and National Insurance deductions)	£	£
Child Benefit	£	£
Working Tax Credit	£	£
Child Tax Credit	£	£
Maintenance payments	£	£
Contribution-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)	£	£
Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)	£	£
Universal Credit (and you are earning more than £6,000 a year)	£	£
Pensions (state, work and private)	£	£
Rent from anyone living with you	£	£
Rent from other properties you own	£	£
Other income (please state):	£	£
<b>Total monthly income:</b>	£	£

If you say you have no income in the table above, please tell us how you support yourself.

## 12. Your contact details

Address

Postcode

Email

Phone

## 13. Declaration and statement of truth

I believe that my financial circumstances mean that I may be entitled to help with fees. I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete. I understand that if I have given false information, criminal or civil proceedings may be brought against me.

I understand that if I have given false information or I do not provide evidence of the information given in this form if requested, my application may be rejected and the full fee will be payable.

Full name

Signature

Date signed

Please make sure you have accurately completed all the relevant questions and signed the declaration.

**Return your completed form to the court or tribunal handling your case or claim.**

Find contact details for all courts and tribunals at:  
[gov.uk/find-court-tribunal](http://gov.uk/find-court-tribunal)

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