

Housing Benefit Section  
 Middlesbrough House  
 50 Corporation Road  
 Middlesbrough  
 TS1 2YQ

Dear Sir

Name :  
 Address :

**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE SHARED ACCOMMODATION RATE RESTRICTIONS**

Please find enclosed an application in respect of the above named for exemption from the shared accommodation rate restrictions from 1 January 2012. Evidence is enclosed (where available) to support this application.

If you tick yes to any of these questions, your benefit <b>MAY</b> be payable at a rate higher than the shared accommodation rate	<b>Yes</b>
If you get Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance, do you get the severe disability premium in your appropriate amount? <b>If yes, we need to see a letter from the Department for Work and Pensions or the Jobcentre Plus.</b>	
Do you get the middle or higher rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance and no-one receives Carers allowance for looking after you? <b>If yes, we need to see a letter from the Disability and Carers Service.</b>	
Are you registered blind? <b>We need to a letter from your GP or a social worker to confirm this.</b>	
<p>Are you aged between 25 and 34 and have been living in homeless hostels, or a refuge, for three months or more at any time in your life and have been receiving care, support or supervision to help you rehabilitate into the community?          If the answer to this is yes, please list below which hostels you have lived in and for how long.</p> <p><b>If you have confirmation of where and when you stayed in the hostels mentioned above, please provide proof when returning this questionnaire. If you don't have any proof, please return this form as soon as possible anyway as the benefit service will make the necessary checks to confirm your details.</b></p>	

If you are unsure whether somewhere you stayed and received care or support to help you back into the community is classed as a hostel, please contact the benefit service on 01642 726005 or visit Middlesbrough House, 50 Corporation Road for advice.

Signed .....

Date .....

Organisation .....

Office stamp .....