

Mutual exchange application form

BOTH YOU AND YOUR MUTUAL EXCHANGE PARTNER NEED TO COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM.

We will approve or refuse the request to exchange within a maximum 42 days. However we will always aim to do this in less time and to complete the exchange process as quickly as possible. Please ensure you have read the Information for Applicants prior to completing the following application form to ensure you are eligible to be considered for a mutual exchange.

Your details	
Title	Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other
First name(s)	
Surname	
Present address and postcode	

Please also give us details of the tenant you would like to exchange homes with

Title	Mr Mrs Ms Miss	Other
First name(s)		
Surname		
Present address and postcode		

About you

Question 1 - Your details					
	You	Joint (for example your partner who will be on the tenancy with you)			
Title	Mr Mrs Ms Miss	Mr Mrs Ms Miss			
OR other title					
Date of birth					
First name(s)					
Surname					
Date of birth					
National Insurance Number					

We can often provide you a quicker service if we have all of all your main contact details

Home phone number	
Work phone number	
Mobile phone number	
Textphone number	
Email address	

Current landlord/tenancy details

Landlord name	
Address and postcode	
Phone number	
Tenancy type	
Tenancy start date	
Do you have a starter, fixe	ed term or flexible tenancy?
If 'Yes', what date is it due	e to end?

Question 2 - Anyone who supports you

If you currently have a support worker, family member, friend or carer who helps you and you would like them to help you in future when we contact you, please give us their name and contact details (including their phone number).

Please ask their permission before giving us their details.

Title	Mr Mrs Ms
First name	
Surname	
Address and postcode	
Home phone number	
Mobile phone number	
Relationship to you	
What type of support do	they give you?

About your household

Question 3 - Please tell us who will be moving with you

Please list all members of your household who are LIVING WITH YOU NOW and who WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE WITH YOU when you are rehoused.

First name	Last name	Gender	Date of birth	Their relationship to you	
1		Male Female	/ /		
2		Male Female	/ /		
3		Male Female	/ /		
4		Male Female	/ /		
5		Male Female	/ /		
6		Male Female	/ /		
7		Male Female	/ /		
For all children under 16, who is the child benefit paid to?					
Is this the main resid	lence for all children	listed? Yes	No		

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(e.g. your son, support worker or friend)

Please list all members of your household who are NOT LIVING WITH YOU NOW and who WILL TO LIVE WITH YOU when you are rehoused.

First name	Last name	Gender		Date of birth	Their relationship to you
1		Male	Female	/ /	
2		Male	Female	/ /	
3		Male	Female	/ /	
4		Male	Female	/ /	
5		Male	Female	/ /	
For all children under 16, who is the child benefit paid to?					
Is this the main residence for all children listed? Yes No					
Are you a registered foster carer? Yes No					
Do you have any pets to take with you? Yes No					
If 'Yes' please give o	letails. Please note: I	n some p	roperties we	operate a no	pets policy.

Details of present accommodation

Question 4 - Please tell us about the type of home you live in				
Type of property				
Flat/Maisonette	Bungalow			
House	Sheltered accommodation			
Number of bedrooms in the property	Number of bedrooms used			
On which floor do you live?				
Ground	Second			
First	Third or above (please specify)			
Is there a lift?	Yes No			
Have you or a member of your househo	old previously had a tenancy with Home (including			

Stonham, Nashayman, Home Scotland and Copeland Homes)?

Yes No

If 'Yes' please give details below of the name, address and dates of tenancy.

Tenancy details			
Has your landlord served a notice of proceedings o	n you?	Yes	No
If 'Yes' when	What for		
Has your landlord obtained a Court Order against y	/ou?	Yes	No
If 'Yes' when	What for		

Getting in touch

Question 5 - Preferred co	ntact					
			ontact you by phone or letter. Plo onal way. Please tick all the boxe			
	You	Joint tenant		You	Joint tenant	
Email			Textphone			
Text message			British Sign Language (BSL)			
Home visit			Other (please tell us below)			

Question 6 - Giving you information

We will usually provide you with information by phone or letter. What additional ways would you like to receive information? Please tick all the boxes that apply.

	You	Joint tenant		You	Joint tenant
Email			Large-print letter		
Text message			Audio		
Braille			CD		
Other (please tell us below)					

Question 7 - The languages you want us to contact you in

We will normally contact you in English by phone or letter. If you would prefer to be contacted in another language, please tell us the language you would like us to use to contact you.

Unfortunately we are not able to translate all of our documents, but will try to make sure that important documents are translated for you. Please tell us the preferred language that you would like us to use to contact you in, if NOT English.

	You	
Spoken		
Written		

	Joint tenant	
Spoken		
Written		

More about you

In this section we ask for personal information that you may find sensitive. You can refuse to answer any particular question, but we would be grateful if you could answer as many questions as you can.

Question 8 - How would you describe your ethnic background?

How would you de	escribe your ethnic b	ackgrour	nd?			
		You	Joint tenant		You	Joint tenant
White	British Irish Scottish			Other (please tell us below)		
Mixed race	White and black Caribbean White and black African			White and Asian Other mixed background (please tell us below)		
Asian or Asian British	Indian Pakistani Asian Scottish			Bangladeshi Other (please tell us below)		
Black or Black British	Caribbean African Black Scottish			Other (please tell us below)		
Chinese or other ethnic group	Chinese			Other (please tell us below)		
Gypsy or traveller						
Prefer not to say						

Question 9 – Nationality

	You	Joint tenant
UK national, resident in UK		
Estonia		
Lithuania		
Slovenia		
Other European Economic Area (EEA) Country		
UK national returning from residence overseas		
Hungary		

Question 10 - Religion

What is your religion?	You	Joint tenant
Christian		
Buddhist		
Hindu		
Jewish		
Muslim		
Sikh		

Question 11 - Understanding the needs you or your household have

Do you or anyone living with you have any needs that you would like us to be aware of when we visit you at home or when you call into our office e.g. cultural needs?

	You	Joint tenant
Poland		
Bulgaria		
Czech republic		
Latvia		
Slovakia		
Romania		
Any other Country		
Prefer not to say		

	You	Joint tenant
Prefer not to say I don't have a religion Other (please tell us below)		

Question 12 - Gender Identity & Sexual orienta	tion
Is your gender identity the same as the gender you	u were assigned at birth?
Yes No Prefer not to say	tenant
If 'No' please state opposite whether you are a	Trans Woman
Trans Woman or Trans Man?	Trans Man
If No please state your current gender identity" wit "non binary", "Genderfluid	th additional options for "Other",
You Joint tenant	You Joint tenant
Bisexual	Heterosexual (straight)
Gay man	Prefer not to say
Lesbian	
Question 13 – Disabilities	
Do you or anyone who will be living with you consid to have a disability? Disability	der themselves Yes No
Uses a wheelchair	
Has problems getting around but does not usea wheelchair	
Is blind or has sight problems	
Is deaf or has hearing problems	
Cannot speak or has a difficulty with speech	
Has a learning difficulty	
Has mental-health problems	
Long-term health problems	
Prefer not to say	
Has a disability not mentioned above	
If any of the above contributes to the reasons you w details below)	<i>i</i> sh to be re-housed (please provide

Do you require any s	special adaptations to your proper	ty? Yes No
Walk-in shower Grab rails	Ramps Door-entry system	24-hour emergency call system
Lever taps	Stairlift	Other (please tell us below)

Question 15 - Why do you wish to mutually exchange your home?

Please tick the main reason you wish to exchange

Property too small	· ·
Property too large/under-occupying	
Property unsuitable because of ill health/disability Cannot afford the rent	

Your housing requirements

When considering an application for mutual exchange we use Home Group's room requirement criteria. Applicants may be entitled to more than the minimum depending on circumstances, the age and gender of any children. This is a guideline only as variations may occur.

Household members
Single person/couple
Two adults who are not a couple
Couple/single parent with one or two children aged under 10
Couple/single parent with up to four children aged under 10
Couple/single parent with up to four children, and at least one whom is 10 years or over
Couple/single parent with three adult dependants
 'Adult' refers to anyone aged 16 or over Households with a medical requirement for level access will b and bungalows, where they are available.
 Eligibility for spare bedrooms – a separate bedroom is consider Every adult couple (married/civil partnership or unmarried) Any adult aged 16 or over who lives with you
 Any two children of the same sex aged under 16

- Any two children aged under 10
- A child with severe disabilities who is unable to share a bedroom
- Any other child
- An approved foster carer to use for placements (subject to meeting the DWP rules) • A carer (or team of carers) who does not live with the applicant but provides the applicant or
- their partner with overnight care.

NOTE: Children whose main residence is elsewhere are not eligible for a bedroom.

- To move nearer to family/friends
- To move nearer to work/school
- To move to accommodation with support
- Other (please tell us below)

	Number of bedrooms			
	Bedsit or 1 bedroom			
	2 bedrooms			
under 10	2 bedrooms			
nder 10	3 bedrooms			
	2 to 4 bedrooms depending on age and gender of children			
	4 bedrooms			

- be given priority for ground floor flats
- red necessary for:

Your financial and work status

Question 16 - You and the joint tenant's work status					
Question 16 - You and the jointPlease tick the box that you think is most relevant.Works full-timeWorks full-timeWorks part-timeIs self-employedIs on government- supported training	Joint tenant	You Joint tenant Is in full-time education at school, college or university Is looking after family or the home Is permanently sick or disabled Is permanently sick			
Is unemployed		Is doing something else			
Is retired from work		Prefer not to say			
You Name and address of employer		Joint tenant Name and address of employer			

Question 17 - Which of the following benefits do you (and your partner if they live with you) receive?

Please tick as many boxes as apply.	You	Joint tenant		You	Joint tenant
I DO NOT receive any benefits			Carer's Allowance		
Universal Credit			Personal Independence Payment		
Job Seekers Allowance			Disability Living Allowance		
Income Support			State Pension	H	H
Employment and Support Allowance			Pension Credit		
Incapacity Benefit			Attendance Allowance		
Child Benefit			Housing Benefit		
Child Tax Credit			Council Tax Reduction		
Working Tax Credit			Prefer not to say		

Question 18 – Do you have a bank, building society, savings or cheque account?								
	You	Joint		You	Joint		You	Joint
Voc		tenant	No		tenant	Drofor pot to sol		tenant
Yes			No			Prefer not to say		

Declaration

Question 19 - Immigration status

Did you or any of the persons applying with you come during the last five years?

Are you or any of the persons applying with you subje immigration controls?

Are you or the persons applying with you Asylum See

Question 20 - Relationship to Home Group

Have you or the joint applicant, currently or in the pa

- employed by Home Group?
- involved in customer and client activities?
- a Board Member of Home Group?

Are you or the joint tenant closely connected to anyo into the categories listed above?

If 'Yes' to any of the above, please give details below:

Office use only: If 'Yes' to the above, please refer ap

e into the UK	Yes	No	
ect to any	Yes	No	
ekers?	Yes	No	
ast 12 months been:			
	Yes	No	
	Yes	No	
	Yes	No	
one who would fall	Yes	No	
plication to your line manager prior to banding.			

Process

Once we have received an application form, a reference will be requested from the other landlord (if applicable) and we will carry out a home visit. The home visit is to ensure all the details on the form are correct and to check the condition of your property before we can approve your exchange. Mutual exchanges are intended to be a voluntary arrangement between tenants, each accepting the accommodation they are moving into in the condition that its is left in by the outgoing tenant. This includes accepting responsibility for tenant's improvements and or/ alterations.

The home visit will always be at your current address. We will aim to contact you within 7 working days of the home visit to discuss if the exchange can go ahead or whether certain works need to be carried out before you exchange.

Home Group will not accept responsibility for any environmental health issues, repairing damage, waste disrepair or poor decorative condition except where this is clearly the landlord's responsibility and where the fault is not the consequence of abuse or misuse.

Things to consider

- You can exchange with most other Home Group tenants, or a tenant(s) of another social landlord including local authorities.
- Applications can only be made by the tenant(s) as only tenants can exchange.
- No exchange can take place without prior written consent from Home Group and the other landlord (if applicable).
- You may be required to repair any defect which has been caused by alterations damage or neglect.
- You should remember that fixtures and fittings such as kitchen units, electric dimmer switches, shower units and gas fires are part of the property and must be retained in the property, even if you fitted them yourself.
- If you have a garage and/or shed you should agree to leave all keys to the incoming tenant.
- You should also remember to dispose of any unwanted effects or rubbish from the property/ garages/sheds and gardens.
- You should also be aware that pets are only permitted with permission from Home Group.
- Depending on the type of tenancies you and your exchange partner have, you may lose security of tenure or benefits of your current tenancy by exchanging your home. In some cases, you take on the same terms as the tenant you are exchanging with. If for example you have the right to buy or preserved right to buy, you may lose these rights. In other cases, you will be given a new tenancy which is equivalent of the one you currently have. Whether you swap tenancies or have a new tenancy depends on who you swap with and what type of tenancy they have, as well as the type of tenancy you have. Please contact Home Group or your landlord (if it is not Home Group for more information on how this will work.

Viewing the proposed exchange property - what to look for

When viewing the proposed exchange property please consider the following points and confirm with the outgoing tenant what they are leaving including sheds, garage, as part of their tenancy.

- What kind of heating is there?
- Has the garden been maintained?
- The decorative condition of the property has there been any alterations by the tenant which will become your responsibility.
- Is there allocated parking?
- Is there a garage or shed with the property?

- What do they cook with (gas/electric)?
- Will your cooker, fridge-freezer, washing machine etc. fit in these spaces?
- Are there enough electrical sockets?
- Will your furniture fit into the rooms?
- Are there any washing machine or dishwasher points?
- Is the outgoing tenant leaving carpets behind?
- What type of tenancy agreement do they have?
- How much is the rent?
- Are there any service charges for the property?

Reasons for refusal

Permission for an exchange will usually be granted however it may not be given if any of the tenants who wish to exchange:

- Are subject to an order of the court for the possession of their tenancy.
- Face legal action for possession of their tenancy, or have been served with a notice of proceedings of possession and it is still in force.
- Has an application pending before any court for an order in relation to anti-social behaviour, demotion of their tenancy in relation to them or a person living with them.
- Has a property adapted for a person with special needs and nobody in the new tenant's household has special needs.
- Would have a home that is much larger than their household needs.
- Would have a home that is too small for their household needs.
- Is living in a property that is in a building that's not used for housing purposes and was let to the tenant or their predecessor as part of their job.

This list is not exhaustive and is intended to give applicants an indication of the main reasons for refusal. We will consider each application carefully and give full consideration to the applicants' circumstances.

Tenants who have housing related debts to Home Group will be required to repay all money owed before the exchange can take place.

Right to appeal

If you are unhappy with a decision we make, you have the right to appeal that decision. You can appeal against the decision made but not the policy itself.

If you have either given or accepted any money in order to exchange, Home Group may take legal action to gain possession of the property.

When undertaking a mutual exchange you take the property you are moving to in its present condition. If there is any damage in the property to which you are moving which is the tenant's responsibility, you should be aware that this will become your responsibility if not remedied.

Informed consent

You	Joint applicant

By signing this form you are confirming that:

- 1. You understand that the information supplied on this form will be used to process your application for housing. As part of your application for housing, you understand that it may be necessary for us to request information from a previous or current landlord, mortgage lenders, local government departments, social workers, probation officers or the police. You hereby authorise and agree to us contacting any of the above to obtain such information as we feel is necessary.
- 2. The European General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018 came into force in May 2018. This required some changes in how data is managed but also provides additional rights for you as an individual.

Please ensure that all sections of this form are completed. Partially completed forms will not be accepted. Both applicants must sign if this is a joint application.

You		Joint applicant	
Signature		Signature	
Print name	Date	Print name	Date
If this form has been	filled in by someone	e other than the person(s) making the	application.
Please tell us why you	-	•	
I declare that as far a answers I have writte		onfirmed with the person(s) applying correct	that the
Signature			

Name _____

Relationship to the Applicant(s)

Please return this form to the address overleaf.

Date

Translation service

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